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FIGHT OVER RULE TO LIMIT TOLLS DEBATE

House Argued Three Hours—Will Reach Vote This Morning.

CLARK AGAINST RULE

Speaker of the House Not Willing to Choke Any Such Thing Down Members of Congress—Emphatic In Announcement.

Washington, March 26.—The greatest legislative battle yet undertaken by President Wilson's administration was begun today with the presentation of a special rule in the House to limit debate and prohibit amendment on the administration's proposal to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act allowing free passage to American ships. For two hours, the rule alternately was defended and attacked in heated debate in the House. When adjournment came with an hour of debate on the rule left for tomorrow, Speaker Champ Clark , who before had not announced his position on the repeal policy, issued a statement vigorously opposing the rule.

"Surely there is nothing sacred about this repeal bill, and there is no reason for this mad rush," said the speaker's statement. "I will not be a party to ramming such a rule down the throats of members."

Impressed with the importance of a measure which President Wilson has characterized as necessary to the conduct of his administration's foreign policy, an extraordinary attendance of members was on the floor when the rule was presented. Galleries and floor were crowded, throngs of spectators lied the seats in the galleries, occupied the stirways and overflowed into the corridors. The spectators came when the House met at 11 o'clock today and waited hour after hour, as routine business delayed the tolls bill and the nervous tension on the floor became more and more tense.

Rule Presented to House.

The legislative way finally was cleared and at 4 o'clock Representative Henry, chairman of the rules committee, presented the rule limiting debate on the Sims bill to 20 hours and precluding amendment except for a single motion to recommit. Brief argument brought about an agreement of three hours of debate on the rule and the preliminary skirmish of the greatest legislative struggle of a decade was on.

To a House silently attentive Representative Henry explained the rule and launched into a defense of the repeal bill. Then followed an argument in which the rule received little attention, as compared with the merits of the measure; and the President's foreign policy the right of the American government to exercise control of the canal it has built and the economic advisability of free tolls for America.

Most speakers dwelt on the foreign situation. The President adherents who spoke, all Democrats, declared that under the treaty, the United States had no moral right to pass its ships free. His opponents, Republicans and Progressives, attacked the foreign policy of the administration and denounced the proposed repeal as "abject surrender to Great Britain."

Underwood Didn't Talk.

Throughout the discussion Majority Leader Underwood, for the rst time opposing the administration, sat quietly in his seat, listening attentively to the argument. Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock both made arguments against the rule and the bill.

Administration leaders tonight vigorously sought to keep their supporters in line and to get recruits. The opposition directed its efforts to obtain votes to defeat a motion to close debate on the rule, which will be made after an hour's debate tomorrow, and which, if beaten would allow amendment of the bill. In this situation, opponents of the bill would attempt to open the Sims bill to amendment and might force the adoption of a compromise amendment repealing the tolls section without surrendering the contention that the United States under the treaties has the right to grant free tolls.

Speaker Clark's statement tonight encouraged opponents of the rule and Representative Sims, author of the repeal bill, later issued a statement, declaring: "I have heard there will be an organized effort by enemies of the administration, both in and out of the Democratic party, to defeat the motion for the previous question on the rule tomorrow. The object of this would be simply to allow embarrassing amendments to be offered to the bill. A vote against the previous question will be virtually a vote against the bill."

Both sides displayed great activity throughout the evening, preparing for the re-opening of the struggle tomorrow.

Speaker Clark's Statement.

Speaker Clark's statement read:

"I am dead against the rule on the tolls question and intend to vote against it. I will not stultify myself by voting for any such rule. I led the ght to liberalize the rules and practices of the Houses, thereby imperiling my political future. We won that long and bitter ght and it was the first Democratic victory in eighteen years. Time and time again I declared that I would not advocate a thing when in the minority that I would not advocate in the majority.

"The Democrats won the House in 1910, the first time in sixteen years. I was unanimously nominated for Speaker and duly elected by every Democratic vote in the House with the hearty good will of every Republican, because they believed that I am a truthful man. In order to liberalize the rules and practices of the House, I voluntarily relinquished a large por-

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SERIOUS DEPLETION

Of Railway Revenues by Allowance to Tap Lines.

Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, Files Brief With the Supreme Court.

Washington, March 26.—Serious depletion of railway revenues through the allowance to lumber "tap lines" of a part of through rates was alleged in an argument filed today with the Supreme Court by Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk, and Charles W. Needham, for the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Consideration of the "tap line" cases, to be argued before the Supreme Court about April 6th, has been watched with keen interest because of their bearing upon the application by Eastern railroads for a 5 per cent increase in rates. Witnesses have told the commission that the railroads might meet the situation now confronting them by reducing unnecessary expenditures rather than increasing their income.

"The owners of these tap lines are not in the railroad business," declared the brief filed today. "They are lumbermen with logging roads as a part of their plant facilities. If by doing a little outside common carriage business they can secure a half million dollars in rebates upon their lumber rates, and the commission is without power to prohibit this thing, then rebating is legalized so long as the interests of lumber merchants induce them to dabble a little in railroading.

"The practices condemned in these cases result in very serious depletion of railway revenues and cast upon the general public a burden which belongs to individuals and favored shippers. They create grave discrimination between shippers and give to favored shippers undue preferences."

The brief pointed out that the commission was convinced that a conservative estimate of the commissions paid by regular lines to industrial lines throughout the country amounted to not less than $50,000,000 or $60,000,000 a year. It was said that during 1912 the Pennsylvania paid $1,019,000 in divisions out of the rate to ten industrial railways connected with steel plants, while the New York Central's western lines paid to 12 industrial railways $660,057, and the Baltimore & Ohio to 13, over $530,000.

McREYNOLDS LEARNS OF NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Attorney General Advised of Plans of Tobacco Companies.

Washington, March 26.—Attorney General McReynolds received word today of the conference between District Attorney Marshall, of New York, and representatives of the Metropolitan and other tobacco companies which are seeking to avoid suit under the Sherman anti-trust act.

Although it is possible that these companies may avoid prosecution by meeting demands of the department designated to restore competition to the New York field, it was said tonight that proceedings for contempt of court against four companies have been seriously contemplated.

The referred to companies were members of the old American Tobacco Company, dissolved by decree of the Supreme Court. It is charged that they have favored the Metropolitan company as a selling agent since the dissolution in about the same way as before, and officials here are inclined to believe that there is good ground for action for contempt of the Supreme Court decree.

No request had been received tonight from representatives of any of the tobacco companies for a hearing before the attorney general. The complaint in the case is understood to be ready, and unless Mr. McReynolds is shown that evils complained of, will be remedied it will be filed early next week. Action for contempt may be delayed pending settlement of the anti-trust phase of the case.

SENATOR JOHNSON DEFENDS ADMINISTRATION POLICY.

Says Wilson Is Right In Not Recognizing Huerta Regime.

Portland, Maine, March 26.—Chas. F. Johnson, United States Senator from Maine, praised President Wilson and defended the administration's Mexican policy in addressing the Democratic State Convention here today. With reference to Mexico, Senator Johnson said:

"We have waited patiently because we are big enough to exercise toleration for Mexico to settle its turbulent affairs. Realizing the impossibility of recognizing any government, which owes its existence to assassination and cruelty, we have also fully realized that armed intervention meant war, with all its attendant suffering and misery."

He said that the refusal to recognize the Huerta government was justified.

Senator Johnson declared that the new tariff law had not had an injurious effect upon any legitimate business and that its benefits were not sectional. He characterized the income tax as "the most equitable tax ever laid upon a people," and the banking and currency act as "a most beneficient law."

Fort Smith, Ark., March 26.—Between 25 and 30 persons were hurt, none fatally, in a collision between two 'Frisco passenger trains west of here today. Physicians were sent from here.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

WILSON EXPLAINS TOLLS EXEMPTION

Those Opposed to Repeal Are Losing Sight of Issue.

ALL NATIONS OBJECT

South America Joins With Other Countries in Voicing Objections. World-wide Judgment is Against United States.

Washington, March 26.—President Wilson in talks with callers today argued that members of Congress were not being asked to change their personal opinions on the tolls exemption, but to vote patriotically for its repeal in order to correct a serious international action which threatened to embarrass the United States at every turn in future negotiation of treaties and trade agreements.

The President told Congressmen who visited the White House that those who based their opposition to the repeal on economic grounds or even on their individual interpretation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty were losing sight of the main point—the united and unanimous opposition of the civilized world against the tolls exemption.

The President has been informed that the press of South America, speaking, he thinks, also for their governments, has joined the press and governments of the rest of the world in the view that the United States is interpreting treaties to suit itself, regardless of obligations.

Mr. Wilson emphasized that it was no personal question with him—though he himself, believed the tolls exemption was a form of ship subsidy and a mistaken economic policy as well as a breach of the treaty. He reiterated that he did not go to Congress with his message to express his personal views, but to state a situation which had arisen internationally, involving circumstances which were not before members of Congress when they last considered the Panama Canal Act. He did not believe members of Congress would be compromising themselves by changing their votes now because he knew they could not have foreseen the world-wide protests at that time.

World-Wide Feeling.

Asked just what the international situation was, the President explained that so long as the judgment of the whole world was unanimously against the United States on a situation of National honor and a treaty obligation, foreign governments generally would not be enthusiastic about entering into further treaties or trade agreements. For this reason he held it as vital to repeal the tolls exemption clause.

There was deep feeling in the President's voice as he explained the situation to one group of callers. He referred to the American nation as too big and powerful to be ungenerous or captious in its construction of treaties. The United States, he believes, is too big to say "We will do just as little as possible and as we please in interpretation of our obligations." He insisted that the thing for the United States to do was voluntarily and ungrudgingly to make its own ships pay tolls on an equality with other nations, as the points involved were too small as compared with the international inconvenience and loss of prestige which he thinks would be occasioned.

LUMBERMEN HOLD SESSION

North Carolina Pine Association In Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., March 26.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association, composed of lumber manufacturers in Virginia and North and South Carolina, began here today with a large attendance. President Horton Corwin, Jr., of Edenton, N. C., touching in his annual address upon the Federal and State anti-trust laws, declared that these were not intended to "repress enterprise or to close the avenue of useful information" but "to suppress monopoly and unlawful combinations in restraint of trade."

Secretary W. B. Roper called attention to the "ever-recurring subject of workmen's compensation or employer's liability." He declared that a bill on this subject recently before the Virginia Legislature while opposed by the employing interests of the State, "had many good points and could be used as the basis for satisfactory legislation."

Gordon C. Edwards, of Ottowa, Canada, president of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, attended the convention today.

James A. Emery, general counsel of the National Association of Manufacturers, spoke on "women's compensation laws," and Dr. Herman Von Schrenck on "dry rot in North Carolina pine."

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 26.—An official reort today says the rebels have established headquarters within a mile of Gomez Palacio, and are trying to get closer to Torreon. Firing was heavy today, but the relative positions of the opposing armies with respect to Torreon was little changed.

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COTTON EXCHANGE REGULATION BILL

Will be Radically Changed Before it Passes Senate.

PATTEN COTTON POOL

Senator Hoke Smith Says Patten and Others Deserve Praise Instead of Indictment—Was a Patriotic Enterprise.

Washington, March 26.—Debate on the Smith cotton exchange regulation bill in the Senate today indicated that the measure would be radically amended before it passed. Senate leaders tonight said that, while prohibition of use of the mail to members of exchanges dealing in futures for other than actual delivery would be detained in the bill, the section probably would be changed to make it apply only to matters directly relating to future contracts.

Urging his amendments broadening the bill's terms, Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, declared the so-called Patten cotton pool was a patriotic enterprise entered into for the purpose of freeing those engaged in the legitimate business of trading in cottton from "the evil influences of the New York cotton exchange." The men who formed that pool, he said, deserved commendation and not indictment as had been their fate.

Senator Ransdell defended legitimate future trading as the only means by which specific contracts for spot cotton between manufacturers and merchants could be made.

The bill and all substitutes and amendments under consideration would provide for the adoption by all cotton exchanges of the government standard of grading. In regulating future contracts it is proposed that the actual commercial difference in value between the grade delivered and that called for on the "middling basis" provision of such contracts shall be the basis of settlement.

VALIDITY OF TARIFF LAW

Administration Officials Determined Supreme Court Shall Make Final Decision.

Washington, March 26.—Administration officials are determined that the validity of the five per cent. clause of the present tariff law, granting a five per cent. discount on goods imported in American bottoms, shall be passed upon by the Supreme Court and not finally settled judicially by the Court of Customs Appeals, now the final arbiter in customs cases.

Within the next few weeks a determined effort will be made in Congress to enact legislation which will permit appeals to the Supreme Court from the customs court in important cases. Attorney General McReynolds has recommended such legislation and members of the Judiciary committees of both Houses, it is understood, favor it.

The Board of General Appraisers in New York recently decided that the discount must be granted, after the attorney general had rendered an opinion that it shall not be allowed, because under "the most favored nation" treaties with other nations, goods imported in ships of those nations must be given a like discount, which would have the effect of granting a five per cent. reduction on practically everything imported into the country. The board held that the discount was applicable only to goods brought by American ships and the importers have appealed to the Court of Customs Appeals on that part of the decision.

No appeal hs been filed by the government and it is expected that William L. Wemple, of New York, the assistant attorney in charge of customs cases, will take such action within a few weeks.

The customs court will meet again in May and in the ordinary course of business the discount case will come up at that time, so unless Congress acts quickly it may be decided and out of the way before legislation providing for an appeal to the highest court can be anacted.

OUTLINES

Official messages received on the border from rebel officers at Torreon tell of the defeat of Gen. Villa and that he had lost 2,000 men in the engagements. The rebels are retreating toward the north.

President Wilson said that those Congressmen who were opposing the repeal of the tolls provision in the Panama Canal Act were losing sight of the true issue.

Congress debated for two hours the rule to limit debate on the tolls repeal bill to 15 hours. One more hour of debate this morning and the vote will be taken. Speaker Clark declared himself against the rule.

The 25th annual meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association is in session at Norfolk.

Attorneys for the Inter-State Commerce Commission filed argument with the Supreme court yesterday showing that the lumber tap lines were seriously depleting the resources of the railroads.

New York markets: Money on call steady 1 3-4 to 1 7-8 per cent; ruling rate 1 7-8; closing 1 3-4 to 1 7-8. Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 13.50; middling gulf 13.75; no sales. Turpentine easy. Rosin quiet. Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.01 1-2; No. 1 Northern Duluth 1.03.

ULSTER TROUBLE STILL UNSETTLED

Asquith's Promised Statement is Postponed.

EXTRAVAGANT RUMORS

Government Still Facing Situation of Extreme Difficulty—Col. Seely to Quit War Department is Current Rumor.

London, March 26.—That the government still is facing a situation of extreme difficulty is proved by the fact that Premier Asquith was not in a position tonight to make his promised statement in Parliament, and it consequently was postponed until tomorrow.

The air is full of extravagant rumors, along the most credible being the report that Col. Seely, after all is to quit the war office by an exchange of portfolios with Lewis Harcourt, secretary for the colonies.

The only new facts in the situation today were found in the resignation of Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and Sir John Spencer Ewart, adjutant general, from the army council.

Rumors that other members of the army council have resigned could not be confirmed.

Negotiations and conferences between Buckingham Palace, the war office and Downing street were carried on throughout the day, and it was known that the strongest efforts were being adopted to induce Field Marshal French and Gen. Ewart to reconsider. The Prime Minister called a hurried meeting of the cabinet at his residence after it was decided to postpone the statement to Parliament.

Later it was announced, with a show of authority, that both French and Ewart at last had consented to withdraw their resignations.

No Change In Ireland.

In Ireland no change has occurred. Belfast remains quiet, and although it is asserted that officers of the Curragh camp are determineu to resign because of the repudiation of Col. Seely's guarantee by the government, no actual resignations, so far as is known have occurred.

Strong pressure evidently was brought to bear on Sir John French to retain his post. He was summoned to an interview with Premier Asquith after the Prime Minister had seen King George. Subsequently the field marshal proceeded to Buckingham Palace to confer with the King.

The field marshal, who was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brig. Gen. Hubert Gough, giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster Unionists, regarded the repudiation of the document by the government as a slight on himself. For that reason he resigned.

It now is asserted that as soon as the government formally withdraws the guarantees given by Col. Seely, Secretary of War, and Field Marshal Sir John French, many officers will again resign their commissions and as some of them said: "This time in earnest."

There is also to be settled the question of what the army council will do.

Brig. Gen. Gough, commander of the Third cavalry brigade, said today:

"If Premier Asquith withdraws the guarantees he will have to throw over the army council and the government will be faced particularly with disruption of the army."

Many Liberals think Premier Asquith should have accepted the resignation of Col. Seely.

R. B. GLENN WILL ATTEND

Ex-Governor Signs Call for Progressive Democratic Convention and Endorses Movement.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—Ex-Governor Robert B. Glenn writes to ask that his name be added to the list of signers for the Democratic mass meeting and adds the following open letter:

"I will attend the convention and hope that a great number, representing every class, condition and business interest of men will be present and take an active part in this progressive Democratic movement, which has for its one object the material, educational and moral improvement of our beloved State.

"Too long already have we failed to take this forward movement, and, therefore, in the matter of State-wide primaries, the betterment of our highways, an improvement in our child labor laws, and the establishment of a rural credit system for the benefit of our farmers, we have been outstripped by some of our more progressive sisters; but now I trust there will be no further delay, and hope the course marked out by the signers of this call for a Democratic mass meeting, shall be so enthusiastically endorsed by resolutions passed by the meeting, that no subsequent legislature will refuse to enact them into laws."

PAY NO DIVIDEND.

Directors of Railway Steel Company Make Decision.

New York, March 26.—Directors of the Railway Steel Spring Company decided today not to pay a dividend on the common stock. At this time last year a dividend of 2 per cent was paid. President Fitzpatrick said that because of diminished earnings and the unpromising outlook it had been thought best to conserve the interests of the stockholders by refraining from a dividend disbursement.

REBELS REPULSED; MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DEAD

Federals Put Up Good Fight at Torreon, and Constitutionalists Forced to Retreat—Fighting is Renewed at Noe, a Few Miles North of Besieged City—Washington Officials Much Interested in the Outcome.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 26.—Following the repulse of General Francisco Villa and his rebel army, fighting has been resumed near Torreon at Noe, a few miles north of Gomez Palacio. This was the substance of a brief dispatch to Federal headquarters in Piedras Negras late today, said to have come direct from the battlefield. It was sent by General Joaquin Maas.

A message received earlier in the afternoon which was explained, related to events of last night, said:

"Our army victorious at Gomez Palacio. More than 2,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. Cavalry pursuing."

Federal officials at Piedras Negras interpreted the last message of General Maas as meaning that Villa had been driven from Gomez Palacio toward the north but whether the engagement at Noe was a final stand by the rebels in retreat or a renewal of Torreon attack, no one could say.

The Federal dispatches reached Piedras Negras over the government wire into Monterey. No details were obtainable as there is no commercial communication to that point.

General Maas, military governor of the northern zone of Mexico, was reported in a Mexico City dispatch to have gone from Monterey with 700 men in armored automobiles to reinforce Velasco at Torreon.

Much Interest at Washington.

Washington, March 26.—Not since the successful assault on Ojinaga has there been so much interest manifested here in the details of the Mexican campaign as in the present attempt of the rebel general, Villa, to capture the important Federal base at Torreon. The fighting at Ojinaga was under the direct observation of Americans just across the line, but virtually nothing is known here of what is going on at Torreon. The State Department has its representative at the front in the person of Vice Consul Carothers, but so far it has heard nothing from the vice consul except a brief message last night that the results had not been determined.

Army officers here believe that Villa's situation is critical. They point out that it would be impossible for him to proceed on his march to the City of Mexico leaving a strong Federal base on his line of communications, while, on the other hand, he cannot remain indefinitely in his present position outside of Torreon for lack of means to keep his army on foot, water and ammunition. The necessity of gathering most of his troops at the front has thinned his lines of communication with his base at Chihuahua and if these should be cut by a force of Federals from Saltillo or Monterey the rebel army would be in a desperate plight. The army strategists here are convinced, therefore, that if Villa does not succeed in breaking down the opposition at Torreon quickly he will be obliged to undertake a hurried retreat to Chihuahua to re-organize and strengthen his forces.

Conditions along the Texas border are much better than they normally are, according to information reaching President Wilson.

It was explained at the State Department today that the 33 Constitutionalist soldiers released at its instance at Nuevo Laredo, had been under medical treatment there ever since the beginning of the year, when they had been wounded in some of the sharp fighting that took place near Laredo about that time. They were not regarded as fugitives in the sense of the Federal soldiers who fled across the line from Ojinaga and are now detained at Fort Bliss.

Conflicting Reports.

El Paso, Texas, March 26.—Conflicting reports today left the situation at Gomez Palacio and Torreon a matter of conjecture. General Villa telegraphed to Manuel Chao at Juarez that he had been in possession of Gomez Palacio since morning and predicted that the rebels would have Torreon not later than Saturday. On the other hand Miguel Diebold of Huerta's consular service, exhibited telegrams declaring that the rebels had been repulsed at all points.

Diebold asserted that when at first the rebels thought they had taken Gomez Palacio they were victims of a ruse, as a result of which they lost many dead and wounded and 600 prisoners. The Federal retreat, it is said, was a feint to draw the rebels over 127 dynamite mines which he said were exploded under the invaders with the result mentioned.

General Villa's telegrams, as given out by General Chao, asserted that the rebels were maintaining a base at El Verjel, five miles from Gomez Palacio, while the railroad between the two places was being repaired. He added that the Federals had attempted to evacuate Torreon through the hills but were driven back into the city.

Chao declares Villa asserted that for the 24 hours preceding his taking of Gomez Palacio the battle was confined mostly to artillery practice. Today Villa is quoted as saying that his men were moving into positions for the attack on Torreon proper and that he believed the Federals would be in no position to withstand an assault after the bombardment which the rebels have in store for them.

Observers of the situation here say they have been mislead so often in the last ten days by so-called official reports of both sides that neither official utterance was impressive. More importance, it was said, attached to the renewed embargo which has prevented newspaper correspondents at the front from sending impartial stories of events under their observations.

Gunboat Bottled Up.

Douglas, Ariz., March 26.—Bottled up in the harbor of Topolobampo, the gunboat Tampico will be dismantled by Mexican Constitutionalists, according to advices that reached here today. The vessel's guns will be used on land in defense of Topolobampo, or sent to assist in prospective attacks on Guaymas. Since the Tampico entered the harbor two Federal gunboats the Guerrero and Morelos, have stood outside awaiting an opportunity to sink her. It is reported the Federals are preparing to attempt to retake Topolobampo. Two thousand Federals are said to have arrived at Tepic from Manzanillo and are ready to give battle to General Obregon in the hope of checking the Constitutionalist commander's advance southward.

WOMAN SHOT UNCLE GUILTY OF IMPROPER CONDUCT.

Judge Ordered Her Released When She Told Her Story in Court.

Calhoun, Ga., March 26.—After Mrs. Charles Chapman told the court that she had killed her uncle, Sidney Chapman, because he was guilty of improper conduct toward her, Justice Fox, presiding at her preliminary trial here today, ordered the woman's immediate release and she was restored to freedom.

Mrs. Chapman's confession was not unexpected, as her lawyers has announced that she probably would make make an important statement in connection with the killing. Last Saturday morning the body of Sidney Chapman was found lying outside the door of Mrs. Lizzie Sarnes' home. Mrs. Starnes and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Chapman, were arrested as suspects, and Charles Chapman later was taken into custody on the same charge.

At the preliminary hearing today many witnesses were introduced by the State, some of whom testified that they heard Mrs. Chapman threaten the life of the dead man.

After the prosecution closed its case late today Mrs. Starnes was called as first witness for the defense. She said that she knew nothing of the killling. After a brief consultation by attorneys for the defense, Mrs. Charles Chapman was introduced and made her statement.

Simply and directly she told her story of how she shot her uncle.

"It was I who killed Sidney Chapman," she said. "I did it to defend my honor and my good name. He had pursued me and continually thrust his unwelcome attentions on me. I said nothing to my mother because I knew it would worry her.

"On Friday Sidney came to me and threatened me. That night I loaded the shot gun and set by my bed.

"Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, Sidney woke me, threatening to kill me if I uttered a word. He told me to follow him, and in the darkness I secured the gun.

"Sidney went out the door and into the yard. I didn't follow and when he turned to come back for me, I shot him and he fell dead there outside the door."

As Mrs. Chapman finished the spectators in the crowded court room cheered. There was renewed applause when Justice Clark ordered her restored to liberty. It was reported here tonight that the matter probably will be presented to the grand jury later.

POU DEFENDS WILSON ON FLOOR OF HOUSE.

Speaks for the Repeal of Exemption Clause in Canal Act.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Representative Pou defended on the floor of the House today the action of the President in asking Congress to repeal the exemption clause in the Panama Canal act, declaring that the fact that Mr. Wilson can get no votes from either England or Canada ought to be sufficient to show that his motive in asking for the repeal was to preserve the Nation's honor.

"If Mr. Wilson is re-elected President, and I hope he will be," said Mr. Pou, "it will be by votes in the United States. He did not write that plank in the Democratic platform and he did not write the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but he is attempting to carry out the promises of the United States and is representing the American people."

Mr. Pou also defended the repeal on its merits. P. R. A.

PRIMARY IN GUILFORD.

Legalized and Held by All Parties on Same Day.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—By reason of an act of the last Legislature, the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties, as well as all other parties that put out a county ticket, must hold their primaries on the same day in Guilford county. The county board of elections has fixed the date for the primary as May 16th. If a second primary is necessary it will be held on May 21st. The county convention will be held on May 23rd.

PIRATE-FEDERAL INJUNCTION

Federals Will Attempt to Show Up Organized Ball As Trust "In Restraint of Trade."

Hot Springs, Ark., March 26.—Geo. P. Whittington, of counsel for S. H. Camnitz, agent of the Pittsburgh Federal League club, replying in chancery court here today to injunction proceedings instituted by the management of the Pittsburgh National League club, announced that an effort will be made to show that organized baseball is a combination in restraint of trade within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Whittington made this declaration in presenting his motion asking that contracts between the Pittsburgh club and its players and a copy of the agreement between clubs in the National League be ordered produced in court. Chancellor Henderson, while holding that it would be necessary for the Pittsburgh club, which seeks to have Camnitz permanently enjoined from interfering with its players, to show contract relation with the players, withheld formal ruling until Saturday to permit the filing of an amended answer to the motion.

PINEHURST GOLF.

Miss Florence Harvey Won Trophy in Women's Events.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 26.—Playing brilliant golf Miss Florence L. Harvey, of the Hamilton (Ontario) Golf Club today won the trophy for the women's event of the annual United North and South Golf Tournament here, defeating Mrs. R. H. Barlow, of the Merion Crecket Club, Philadelphia, 1 up in 18 holes.

Mrs. Barlow played a strong game, her uphill fight from the 12th hole being especially noteworthy. Four down at the 12th hole, Mrs. Barlow halved the 13th, won the next two and halved the 16th. The 17th hole went to the Philadelphian, but she lost the match when the 18th was halved.

Mrs. Barlow's medal score for the 18 holes was 89, while that of Miss Harvey was 92. Winners in the other flights were:

Miss Agnes Blanke, Montclair, N. J.; Mrs. A. A. Uebelacker, Hagensack, N. J.; Miss Priscilla Beall, Uniontown, Pa., in the order named.

RULING BY COMMISSION.

Various Agreements With Players Frat. Under Discussion.

Cincinnati, March 26.—The National Baseball Commission today handed down the following notice:

"Paragraph D, of rule 17, of the National Commission declaring side agreements between clubs and players invalid is hereby revoked. Subsequent sections of this rule will be relettered.

"This provision is eliminated for the reason that in conformity to the agreement with the Baseball Players' Fraternity, all contracts between National agreement clubs and players contain a clause printed at the top in red ink, warning the parties that if an investigation establishes that any agreement between club and player does not appear in or is not made a part of the regular contract the club shall be fined, the contract annulled and the player unconditionally released."

LECTURES AT WAKE FOREST.

Dr. McLoughlin, of Louisville, Delivers Series.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., March 26.—Dr. W. J. McLoughlin, who has been for 20 years a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered his first of a series of five lectures here, in Wingate Hall, Tuesday night. His lectures cover, in a brief way, the history of the Baptists as they are known today. Dr. McLoughlin, though not an orator, is a learned man, and his lectures are educational, not only with respect to the growth of the Baptist denomination but of the other denominations as well.

TY COBB ADDRESSES MISSISSIPPI SOLONS

Jackson, Miss., March 26.—When rain prevented the baseball game between the Detroit Americans and the New Orleans Southern League team here today, the House of Representatives passed resolutions of regret and extended privileges of the floor to the two teams. Upon invitation Tyrus Cobb, the Detroit outfielder, addressed members of the House, thanking them for the honor extended, explaining that he was not an orator.

THEY WANT STEWART FIRED.

Page and Webb After Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, March 26.—Representatives Page and Webb, of North Carolina, have urged Postmaster General Burleson to remove Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart from office and name a Democrat to succeed him.

They made the request upon the grounds that Stewart has made himself offensive to Southern communities by putting negro clerks over white clerks in the railway mail service.

Mr. Burleson advised the North Carolinans that pending the settlement of the railway mail pay problems he could not displace Mr. Stewart, as he possesses expert knowledge of that subject, adding that he would dismiss Mr. Stewart if he could.

Mr. Stewart is the only Republican assistant Postmaster General who has been retained in service by the Wilson administration.

CARTER GLASS AT DURHAM.

Virginia Congressman Lectures on New Currency Law.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., March 26.—Representative Carter Glass, member of Congress from Virginia, lectured here tonight on the new currency law, which was passed by Congress at the present session.

Mr. Glass, who is chairman of the currency committee of the House, and Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, jointly were the authors of the bill which was framed in accordance with the ideas of President Wilson. Hence Mr. Glass is logically the highest authority on the construction of the new law.

BATTLESHIPS AT JACKSONVILLE

Daniels Will Send Several Vessels There For Confederate Reunion.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 26.—A telegram from Congressman L'Engle today announces that Secretary of the Navy Daniels will send the President's yacht Mayflower and one or more battleships or cruisers here during the Confederate reunion in May, "provided the Mexican situation at that time will permit."

IN SHORT METER

COLLINS AND STRUNK HELPED ATHLETICS WIN.

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—Philadelphia Athletics today drew 3,000 spectators who saw them defeat Earle Mack's Raleigh club, of the Carolina League, 10 to 1. Bating of Collins and Strunk was outstanding features.

Athletics	10	14	3
Raleigh	1	6	5

Busch, Durning and Schang, Lapp; Myers, Yon, Evans and Riley, Perkins.

Cubs Beat Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., March 26.—The Chicago National League today defeated the Louisville American Association team here, 6 to 1.

Chicago	6	12	5
Louisville	1	3	4

Lavender and Archer; Northrop, R. Clemons, Leverett and Severoid.

Federals Won.

Columbia, S. C., March 26.—The Brooklyn Federal League club today defeated the University of South Carolina team here, 14 to 1.

Brooklyn	14	10	4
Carolina	1	3	5

Sommers, Peters and Connolly and Watson; Hale, McTeer, Green, Kendall, Fort and Thomas and Heyward.

Browns Beat Macon.

Macon, Ga., March 26.—The St. Louis American League team today defeated the local team of the South Atlantic League here, 13 to 0.

St. Louis	13	15	0
Macon	0	6	6

Mitchell and Jenkins; Martin, Voss and Kluth, Veach.

Yanks Won Again.

Atlanta, March 26.—The New York American League team today defeated the Atlanta team of the Southern Association here, 12 to 3.

New York	12	9	1
Atlanta	3	4	5

Thompson, Warhop and Sweeney; Kissinger, Price and Reynolds.

Senators Won First.

Washington, March 26.—The Washington Americans and the Philadelphia Nationals opened a three-game series here today, Washington winning the first game easily by a score of 6 to 1.

Washington	6	14	0
Philadelphia	1	4	3

Evers Made Captain.

Macon, Ga., March 26.—Johnny Evers today was chosen captain of the Boston National League team here by Manager Stallings, succeeding William Sweeney, who was sold to the Chicago National League Club.

Brown Firsts Won.

Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—The St. Louis American League first team today defeated the Nashville Southern Association club here 13 to 4.

St. Louis	13	13	3
Nashville	4	11	7

James and Enzeroth, Crossin, Synder, Marbet, Marshall and Rogers.

Federals Won Easy.

Newberry, S. C., March 26.—A team of Brooklyn Federal Leaguers, consisting of about half of the regulars, today defeated the Newberry College team here, 6 to 1.

Bowling Tournament Ended.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 26.—The 14th annual bowling tournament of the American Bowling Congress ended here today. The winners of the three main events were:

Five-man Teams—Monko Club, New Haven, Conn.

Two-man Teams—T. D. Negley and D. H. VanNess, of Newark.

Individuals—William Miller, of Detroit.

Miller also won the "all-events" feature, his total for the nine games being 1,897.

SUFFRAGETTES ARE ACTIVE.

Senator Thomas Promised Ladies to Take Up Resolutions.

Washington, March 24.—Senator Thomas, of Colorado, chairman of the Senate committee on woman suffrage, assured suffragist leaders today that his committee would take up for consideration in the near future the Bristow and Shafroth resolutions, introduced last week, after the defeat of the resolution providing for submission of a constitutional amendment extending suffrage to women.

Leaders of the woman suffrage movement had asked the Senator for a hearing, but this he said today would not be necessary as the committee is thoroughly informed on the subject. The Bristow resolution is identical with the Chamberlain amendment, defeated last week, and Senator Thomas favors this over the Shafroth amendment which prosed that suffrage be granted to women in any State whenever it approved by a majority after the subject had been submitted to the electorate on petition of 8 per cent of the voters of the State.

"The Bristow resolution," said Senator Thomas, "is identical with the recently defeated constitutional amendment, and in my judgment, is the only one to be reported favorably to the Senate. It cannot be improved upon either in phraseology or purpose."

Woman suffragists, and antis, had another round of argument today before the House elections committee—this time over the French bill to permit certain qualified women to vote at Congressional elections. Spectators who claimed they were unbiased thought the arguments about equal.

ACTION IS STARTED IN KILLIFER CASE

Washington, March 26.—"Bill" Killifer, catcher for the Philadelphia Nationals, tonight was summoned to appear in the Federal court at Grand Rapids, Mich., and show cause why he should not be enjoined from playing with the National League. The action was brought by the Federal League for alleged breach of contract.

Killifer left Washington tonight for Philadelphia to confer with President Baker. He is expected to return here for tomorrow's game.

MARSHALL TO SPEAK AT CHARLOTTE MAY 20.

Vice President Accepts Invitation to Come to North Carolina.

Washington, March 25.—Vice President Marshall has accepted an invitation to go to North Carolina May 20th and speak at Charlotte in connection with the celebration of the 139th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Mrs. Marshall will accompany the Vice President.

President Wilson has been invited to attend, but it is unlikely he will be able to leave Washington at that time.

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Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.
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MISS RAVENSCROFT LEFT FOR EUROPE

New York, March 26...Refusing to state positively whether she would return to America to defend her National golf title, Miss Gladys Ravenscroft sailed today for England in company with Miss Muriel Dodd, champion woman golfer of Great Britain and Canada. Miss Ravenscroft said she disliked to allow her title to go by default and if possible to return, she would like nothing better than to do so.

Miss Dodd said she would not be here again this season.

"We have had the time of our lives and everywhere we have been received most graciously and welcomed most cordially," said Miss Ravenscroft.

TRINITY LOSES.

Poor Base Running Gives Game to Vermont.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., March 26.—Poor base running cost Trinity victory against the University of Vermont when the locals outplayed the Northerners at every other phase of the game, score 2 to 0 in favor of Vermont. English held the visitors to five scattered hits, while Trinity registered six. Trinity had men on base frequently with no outs, but could not score. Malcolm relieved Gilbert for Vermont in the eighth and displayed good form.

Trinity	000	000	000—0	6	1
Vermont	011	000	000—2	5	6

English, Maddox; Gilbert, Malcolm, Mayforth. Two base hits, Anderson; base on balls, English; hit by pitcher, Mayforth.

TOM SEATON BALKS ON BROOKLYN TRADE

Chicago, March 26.—Determination of Tom Seaton, pitcher, to "play with the Chicago Federals or not at all," reported in dispatches from Shreveport today further complicated affairs in the Federal League. Even Manager Tinker advised Seaton to join the Brooklyn team, said the report, but Seaton declared he would play only with his old team mate, Ad Brennan, who is definitely attached to the Chicago club. Seaton's declaration came after announcement by President Gilmore that the pitcher belonged to Brooklyn.

The sale of Cadwallader Coles, outfielder to the Kansas City Federals, reported at local headquarters today, was indirectly the result of the Seaton tangle. Coles was to have been given to Brooklyn in part payment for Seaton's release to the Chicago team, but when the deal fell through, Manager Stovall made a bid for the outfielder and the transfer was made.

At Lynchburg, Va.: Pittsburg Federals 17; Va. Christian College 3.

At Chapel Hill: University N. C. 1; William and Mary 0.

At Lexington, Va.: Washington & Lee 4; LaFayette 0.

At Raleigh: A. & M. 3; W. Va., Wesleyan 4.

At Whitsett: Whitsett Institute 14; Bingham School 0.

At Davidson College 0; Oak Ridge 2. (11 innings.)

Free Aviation Exhibition.
Wrightsville Beach Today, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN DEFEATS A. & M. COLLEGE.

In Fast Game Featured by Errors of Farmers.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—In a fast game, which was featured by errors of the locals, West Virginia Wesleyan defeated A. & M. this afternoon by the score of 4 to 3.

A. & M. started out in the first inning with one run when Farmer singled, was sacrificed by Tenney and scored on Winston's two-base hit. The visitors made one in the third, on two bases on balls, and an error, and annexed another in the seventh on three errors. There was nothing more doing in run getting until the ninth, when Wesleyan made two on two singles and a triple. The Techs also came back strong in this inning, scoring two runs, two singles and a two base hit. Jaynes pitched a good game for A. & M., striking out ten men, and allowing only four hits up to the ninth inning, when the visitors made their only two earned runs, his defeat being accountable to poor support. Cornwell also pitched well for the visitors, allowing only three hits in six innings, and fanning four men. Ollor played a good game at third base for the Wesleyans.

Washington, March 26.—A motion to agree to the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill which would have cut the appropriation for the new Department of Labor from $36,000 to $8,000, and eliminated an appropriation of $5,000 for the Bureau of Labor Statistics was defeated in the House today. The bill was sent back to conference.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

HAD TOOTH EXTRACTED.

And Now Senator Simmons is Feeling Better.

Newbern, N. C., March 24.—The chief cause of the present illness of Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Finance committee of the United States Senate, who arrived in Newbern last Sunday for a visit of ten days or two weeks, was an abcessed tooth. The Senator did not care to part with the molar and a local dentist did everything possible to relieve the sufferer without extracting the tooth, but this proved of no avail and accordingly the Senator had the offending member taken out. Since coming to Newbern Senator Simmons' condition has improved and a message from his home this morning was to the effect that he hoped to return to Washington during the latter part of the coming week.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY.

Man Taken in Charge at Greenville, S. C.—Held-up Train.

Greenville, S. C., March 25.—John Radliff was arrested by detectives near here today in connection with the robbery of a Queen & Crescent express and mail train near Birmingham Ala., on February 19th. He denies knowledge of the crime.

Bank books showing deposits of $24,000 to Radliff's credit in Greenville and Atlanta banks were found among the prisoner's effects, according to the detectives who arrested him.

Two men recently were arrested in Atlanta and charged with connection with the robbery which is said to have netted three bandits in the neighborhood of $40,000.

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At any soda fountain or carbonated in bottles—5c.

New York, March 26.—A wireless message from the steamer LaTouraine today informed the French Line agents here that she had met heavy weather and was steaming slowly because of trouble with her machinery. Captain Caussin reported that the steamer, now three days overdue, would reach New York Friday or Saturday morning.

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FIRE WAS MYSTERIOUS

Came Near Destroying Old Supreme Court Building—Mrs. Stoner in the State.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—A mysterious fire developed in the old Supreme court building that narrowly missed terminating in the burning of the structure, which is in process of remodelling for the use of various departments of State. The fire developed in a basement room in which a quantity of waste and old furniture and other material has been stored for some time. The room was locked and no one had been in it during the day.

The fact that the workmen had not all left the place before the smoke showed up is all that prevented the fire from having a good big start of the fire fighters that might have meant an end to the remodeling work until the Legislature could provide appropriation for an out and out new building. There was a mighty smoke that made a show of a big fire as it was.

Suffragette in Raleigh.

Mrs. Wesley Martin Stoner, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the Southern States Woman's Suffrage organization, was here today on her way to Durham for a conference with Mrs. Archibald Henderson, of Chapel Hill, who is chairman of the committee for North Carolina. She says she is especially gratified at the headway that is being made in awakening interest and in the acquisition of advocates of the cause both among the women and the citizenship generally. She says a fine sort of a rivalry is developing between the North Carolina Woman's Suffrage League and the South Carolina organization. There is more general activity in South Carolina, but she predicts that this State will give the women of the Palmetto State a close race.

Tax Rate on Timber Lands.

W. M. Bond, Jr., for the Roper Lumber Co., and VanB. Martin, for the Washington county commissioners, were before the Corporation Commission today arguing, respectively, for and against the right on the part of the commission and the county commissioners to reduce the tax assessment on a tract of timber land owned by the Roper Lumber Co., because timber has been cut from it since the regular quadrennial tax assessment time. The Washington commissioners insist that the assessment cannot be changed except every four years, no matter if timber has been cut. The question is one of great importance to timber men generally.

NEW STEAMER LINE.

In Operation Between Newbern and the North.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., March 26.—The new steamer line which is to connect Newbern with Baltimore and other Northern ports, was put in operation this week and the first trip of the steamer L. B. Shaw, was begun Monday morning. The vessel came down to Norfolk and will leave that port today en route to Washington, where cargo will be taken on and unloaded and on Friday morning the vessel will arrive at Newbern, the end of her voyage.

This new line is under the supervision of Capt. E. H. DeKayne, and he is in charge of the vessel. At first only one boat will be operated, but if it is seen that the amount of freight handled justifies the addition of another boat, this will be added. The rates of transportation are from five to 15 cents lower on the 100 pounds than that charged by the railroads and the time consumed in making the trip is about as quick, and in some cases less than that consumed by the railroads. No passengers are carried on the boat.

AT NEWBERN NEXT WEEK.

Churches to Observe "Missionary Week"—Rev. Mr. Padgett.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., March 26.—Newbern citizens will next week participate in a great "Missionary Week" Rev. L. B. Padgett, secretary of the North Carolina Laymen's Movement, came to Newbern several days ago and worked up interest in this religious movement and the pastors and laymen at once took hold of it. Yesterday Mr. Padgett returned to make arrangements for the event and will remain here until after the close of the meeting.

During the week services will be held in practically every one of the churches on different days and on the final day services specially arranged for the occasion will be held in each one of the churches. There are no out-of-town speakers, with the exception of Mr. Padgett, on the programme, all of the addresses and sermons being delivered by the local pastors and the addresses will be made by local men. The last religious meeting of this kind held in Newbern took place two years ago and at that time Mr. Padgett assisted in the services.

NEWBERN TO SWAT THE FLY.

Will Inaugurate a Campaign the First of the Month.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., March 26.—Following the example of several other cities in North Carolina, Newbern officials and health authorities are planning to inaugurate a campaign against the house fly and this will begin on the first of the month. The citizens have been requested to clean up their back yards and to get rid of all trash on their premises.

Stagnant pools of water are also to be abolished and an attempt will be made to get rid of the breeding places of the flies. A sanitary inspector is to be engaged and he is to make an inspection of the lots every week and those citizens who do not comply with the law will be dealt with.

MRS. J. B. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Wilson Lady Passes Away Suddenly. From Fayetteville.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., March 26.—Mrs. J. B. Williams died suddenly Wednesday. The end came without warning, one of the young children heard the mother fall and found her lying in the front hall unconscious. She lived only a few minutes. The husband and one son were in Charlotte at the time, two other boys being here with the mother.

Mrs. Williams was 55 years of age. The family has resided here several years and formerly lived near Fayetteville. The remains will be taken back to the old home for burial.

Free Aviation Exhibition.

Wrightsville Beach Today, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

CAN NOT FLOG CONVICTS

Supreme Court of North Carolina Puts Ban on Practice—Other Opinions Filed.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—In the opinions just delivered by the Supreme court for this delivery week there is one in the noted case of State vs. Nipper and Johnson, from Wake, involving the right of convict guards to flog unruly convicts or administer other corporal punishment, the Supreme court holding with Judge Cooke, of the Superior court, that there is no such right either through the State Constitution or through legislative statute.

The Supreme court declares, Chief Justice Clark writing the opinion: "In view of the enlightenment of this age and the progress which has been made in prison discipline, we have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion that corporal punishment by flogging is not reasonable and cannot be sustained. That which degrades and embrutes a man cannot be either necessary or reasonable."

The opinion cites the passing of flogging as a punishment in the armies and navies of the world and for convicts in great numbers of the foremost countries, even Mexico having in 1903 abolished such punishment for convicts by special act. The court says: "While the North Carolina constitutional provision against the infliction of corporal punishment as a part of the sentence by the courts does not directly prohibit its infliction in prison discipline, its spirit is certainly against the longer use of flogging for that purpose."

The concluding paragraph of the lengthy opinion reads: "The smallness of the sentence imposed in this case ($10 fine each and costs) indicates that the humane and just judge who tried this cause deemed that the act of the defendants was without aggravation and that they were only following the custom which has been observed in this State to this time. We have been, however, discussing the legal rights of the prisoners and we find no authority for its longer continuance. There is no error in the judgment of the lower court."

Other Appeals Decided.

The other appeals decided in this delivery of opinions are:

Aman vs. Lumber Co., Sampson county, modified and affirmed with costs against the appellant; Ward vs. Albertson, Duplin, no error; State vs. Horton, Franklin, no error; In re Will of Cooper, Wake, no error; Rees vs. Williams, Wake, petition to rehear dismissed; Clarement College vs. Riddle, Catawba, affirmed; Rackley vs. Rackley, Robeson, dismissed for failure to file printed briefs; McArthur vs. Land & Timber Co., Cumberland, dismissed for failure to file printed briefs; Porter vs. Seaboard Air Line, Bladen, dismissed for failure to file printed briefs.

MOUNT OLIVE GETTING READY

For Free City Delivery of Mail—But There's a Hitch.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., March 26.—The erection of street signs was begun here yesterday, the numbering of the houses to be done as soon as the necessary material can be obtained, after which the citizens are expecting an early establishment of free city delivery of mail. The date for the establishment of such service has not been set yet, and it is known that there is even some doubt as to whether it will be established any time in the near future.

The reason for this, it is said, is because the city, through its board of aldermen, has been so slow in complying with departmental regulations preliminary to the establishment of such service. Postoffice inspectors have been here three times in connection with the matter, and it is now feared by some that the impressions they received concerning the matter at their last visit will result in the making of adverse reports in the matter.

FOR FEDERAL BUILDING.

Greensboro Committee Named and Ready for Work.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—President J. E. Latham, of the chamber of commerce, has named a committee to work for a $450,000 appropriation for a Federal building here, comprising Attorney Charles A. Hines, chairman; W. L. Clements, a wholesale lumberman; Col. Al Fairbrother, editor of Everything; Caesar Cone, president of the Proximity Manufacturing Co., and M. W. Thompson, a well known business man.

This committee is already at work and shaping its plans to get the appropriation during the next session of Congress. Major Stedman and Senator Overman are heartily committed to the proposition. A government man has already been looking over the field, and may make a favorable report.

FROM THE HEART—A CARD.

There are times when our hearts wish to give expression to what they feel and from their depth comes the greatest degree of gratefulness. We may speak for ourselves individually but the heart feels more than words can express, so as individuals we can only do feeble justice to the heartfelt appreciation of the kindness, the assistance and the sympathy which we have received from neighbors and friends on account of the illness and death of a dear wife and devoted mother. Death has parted us from an exemplary wife and true and loving mother, but surely we have solace in the unremitting kindness and sincere sympathy of those who knew as we did the good woman, the true wife and the fond mother of whom we have been bereft. In the midst of our sorrow we remember gratefully and deeply the ministrations, the kindnesses and the sympathies of friends.

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(advertisement.)

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(advertisement.)

FOR A NEW TEXTILE BUILDING

Executive Committee A. & M. Trustees Award Contract to H. S. Toler, of Rocky Mount.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of A. & M. College this evening, the contract for rebuilding the Textile building was given to H. S. Toler, of Rocky Mount.

It is to be ready for equipment August 1st. What is left of the former building will be used in the reconstruction, but there will be changes in plans as well an enlargement. Manufacturers of textile machinery are again asked to contribute machinery for equipment.

The executive committee also approved a plan for a Summer school of instruction for the rural high schools of the State to be in progress June 3rd to July 1st, this to include all the teachers in the rural high schools who are engaged in teaching agriculture and nature study.

POLITICS AT MT. OLIVE.

Interest in Municipal Election to be Held in May.

Mount Olive, N. C., March 26.—Considerable interest in the municipal election to be held here in May has begun to manifest itself, with every indication now pointing to quite a spirited contest. The present board of aldermen, it is alleged, are too conservative, and a determined effort will no doubt be made by the more progressive element to secure the nomination and election of a more progressive set of commissioners.

While no formal announcements to that effect have been made, it is quite likely that the present board will stand for re-election; and it is said that the present mayor, C. S. Smith, a leading attorney, will be a candidate to succeed himself.

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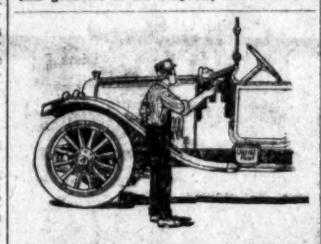
The occasion is therefore one of unbounded, joyful anticipation, and too much stress can not be laid upon the remarkable influence which a mother's happy, pre-natal disposition has upon the health and fortunes of the generation to come.

Mother's Friend is recommended only for the relief and comfort of expectant mothers, thousands of whom have used and recommend it. You will find it on sale at all drug stores at $1.00 a bottle. Write to-day to the Bradfield Regulator Co., 130 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for a most instructive book on this greatest of all subjects, motherhood.



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Friday, March 27, 1914.

The hot-air artist draws well and generally gets a full house.

Ladies' Spring hats look like a lot of scenery at a garden party.

How little we know of each other till some of us happen to die.

A community goes ahead when it has some men to do the head work for it.

How can a man be getting along as well as could be expected when he is "on his feet again?"

We "view with alarm" the fate of all reactionaries who don't know that the winning fight is against them everywhere.

We like President Wilson because he knows he doesn't know that he knows it all. When a man knows that he is wise.

Spring is here, so says our old friend Jones. He says the bumps on the back of his neck are just as good a sign of the season as the groundhog ever dared to be.

Mr. Jno. D. Rockefeller acknowledges that he is a poor speechmaker. Nevertheless, we envy him for knowing how to go right after the dollar and get what he is after.

Chicago is to have a different order of politics, but as women are now entitled to vote there, it is strange that some of the frills are to be cut out of politics in the Windy City.

The Progressive party got dumped into a Brazilian river, but it escaped and will come home some of these days to make the G. O. P. fully realize that it is overboard for good.

A New York woman has tried and failed in twenty-three different ways to commit suicide. She may have better luck by being run over by a party of joy-riders on the return trip home.

Huerta boasted that he has thousands of troops, but Villa is going ahead as if he were poker player enough to pay no attention to a bluff. Hot air is always discounted for what it is worth.

Newspapers everywhere are calling on their cities to clean up. City governments ought to see that their cities are clean and if they are not doing so, the city governments are not worth depending on. An efficient city government saves the newspapers a lot of trouble.

The rumor that lots of North Carolina editors are practicing the tango so they can have a good time when the State press convention meets at Wrightsville Beach, makes it certain that when the married editors arrive their wives will arrive at precisely the same time.

Having inherited a fortune of $1,200,000, James K. Hackett came before the curtain in Brooklyn on Saturday and announced his retirement from the stage. When an actor gets that much money he can have a better time off the stage than he can by staying on it.

The Horry Herald, Conway, S. C., has installed a linotype machine. That shows whether the State of Horry is making progress or not. A great many people in South Carolina don't know what a great country is the extreme northeast section of South Carolina. It ought to belong to North Carolina, which knows most about it.

The States must reserve their right to say who shall vote, so the suffragettes were barking up the wrong tree when they appealed to Congress to recognize the equal rights of women. Congress once enfranchised ignorance, and since then we have decided that Congress has about as much judgment as an ordinary State legislature.

Make the people more efficient by means of education if you want civic improvement. Intelligence will do more for a community than all the legislation since the days of Adam. You can educate the people up to the right standard, but so far as legislation is concerned it can never make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. We've got to educate, rather than legislate.

WHO'S BOSS IN NORTH CAROLINA?

The motives behind the progressive Democratic movement in North Carolina are being considered by some of our contemporaries. They hesitate. They have entertained conjectures that those back of the movement aim at supplanting what some call "the party machine." Fear is expressed that another set of leaders are liable to come to the front, and that if there are those who are going to attempt to lead the party, the present leaders are sure to make a fight against them. That would mean a fight between factions, it is foreseen by some.

Probably so, if there is a machine—if there is a party boss in North Carolina. There are party leaders, of course, but are there any party bosses? Probably so, if leaders are bosses, but if the Democrats should decide not to follow the lead of the bosses, how could they be bosses? Those who accept them as leaders don't recognize them as bosses, but if the party were to change leaders would they not be bosses just as much as the present leaders? Guardedly discussing the call for a Democratic conference at Raleigh to consider certain progressive propositions, the Asheville Citizen remarks in this cautious way:

"The Citizen has refrained from comment on this movement because it wanted to look more closely into the forces behind it. This paper believes in progressive Democracy that has no axe to grind; it believes in all the principles of the Democracy advocated and preached by President Wilson, but it would have no sympathy with a movement which might divide the Democratic forces in this State and reduce the party to the deplorable condition in which the Republican forces now find themselves. If the present movement is not one which merely looks to the annihilation of one boss for the creation of another; if it is not a movement born of the bickerings and strife which naturally arise from the distribution of government pie, this paper, as will all other Democratic papers, will be in sympathy with it. The Democratic leaders, as well as the Democrats of the rank and file, should go slowly along new lines. They should "stop, look and listen" ere they turn after strange gods. They should take warning from the fate which attended Republicanism in North Carolina when schism entered the fold and divided a hitherto strong house against itself. The rock whereon the Republican ship foundered was the rock of Federal patronage, and the Citizen would be loth to believe that certain disappointments in connection therewith in the ranks of the State Democracy form the motive power behind the present movement."

We can't see how making the Democratic party in North Carolina a progressive party means a new leadership, unless the old leaders are opposed to progressive ideas. It is not a question of leaders. It is a question of whether the party is going to stand still or go ahead—whether it will be reactionary or progressive. There are certain new leaders of the progressive movement, but if the old leaders are just as progressive as they, the question of leadership is a secondary consideration. It would be a matter of choice whether we stick to old leaders who are progressive or take up new ones who are declared progressives. The only strange thing about it is that the recognized leaders of the party are not leading the progressive movement. If they approve it, they should say so. If they do not, it is quite natural that the party should turn to new leaders—a new machine, we might say.

It is more important to the party whether it shall favor the absolute rule of the people or whether it shall have bosses of any kind. When the party adopts progressive principles, nobody can play boss but the people. They will have leaders, and always will have them, but as between the convention and primary systems we fail to see how any boss could cut much ice in the bossing role in the future. The party is not apt to run after new gods unless the old guards are reactionary gods.

The old leaders are pretty apt to be trusted counsellors in any course the party is to follow in the future.

THE GODS HELP THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.

"Opportunity comes but once," is an old saying but the beauty of it is that it hangs around a long time in Wilmington so somebody can seize it if he will. As a plain matter of fact, however, there are a great many opportunities, some for one man and some for another. Some opportunities remind us very much of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. In his plan to aid public libraries he will do something for a town that is willing to do something for itself. He helps those who help themselves, hence he would not be satisfied to die poor if he were to give away his money to a community that is not willing to do its part. We have often thought, however, that in some communities which find it impossible to comply with his terms, he could do a noble deed by giving it a library without any strings tied to it. As it is, only those fortunate communities which can raise some cash themselves have the opportunity of benefitting from the benefactions of a generous man whose main purpose is to do good with his overflowing fortune.

We have gotten off the track, however, for the main point we wanted to make is that some opportunities have strings tied to them. They have conditions, and one of them is that a man or a community has to have a certain amount of cash in order to meet an opportunity half way and seize it. No community ever made progress that did not help itself by its own efforts and with its own money. So it is with a man. What fine opportunities a man often has if he only had the money to comply with the conditions exacted by the best of opportunities.

A man who has neglected to save his money has to stand by and let opportunities stare him in the face almost every day. He may get some of the smallest opportunities, but he would be in a position to get some of the biggest ones if he only had the money—if he only had saved when he was young and kept a savings bank account that would be available at a time when money gets its chance to talk.

The young man has the finest of all opportunities. He has an opportunity to save his money by depositing it in Wilmington's several savings banks which pay him 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. He will be sure to see the day when he can use his earnings to great advantage, for most of the really good opportunities come to those who have the ready cash. Opportunities have a way of always hanging around those who have money with which to get in the swim.

The young men of Wilmington have the opportunity of taking care of themselves by joining the Y. M. C. A. and contracting steady habits and the savings habit so they can help Wilmington to take advantage of many an opportunity. Nevertheless, the community should quit inviting others to come here to seize the opportunities that all of us are convinced are here. It is time for Wilmington to seize some of her opportunities herself and only call for help from those who want to join us in seizing opportunities that are too big for us to handle by ourselves.

When Wilmington wakes up to the fact that there are hundreds of opportunities that she should seize herself, she will get to be one of the forward looking cities of the South Atlantic. Why depend on the newcomer the most? Finally, "The Gods Help Those Who Help Themselves."

FARM WAGES HAVE GROWN.

After careful investigation extending into all the States, the Agricultural Department reports that the wages of farm laborers have increased more rapidly in proportion than the wages of city workmen, in the last twenty years. During the past year the pay of the farm hand increased two and one-half per cent., and the increase has been eleven per cent. in the past four years, totalling an increase of thirty-six per cent. since 1902.

In other words, farm labor is paid more than one and a third times the wages paid twelve years ago. That has added greatly to the cost of farming, but that is not the only cause of increase, since everything used on the farm from stock to implements and fertilizers has increased. Meanwhile, from 1900 to 1910 land values have nearly doubled, showing, the department states, that in the "distribution of the proceeds from farming operations a larger proportion now goes to capital account and less to labor account than formerly." While farming expenses have increased, farming profits have grown and the farm has become a better asset in its value, real and productive.

The department finds a wide difference in wage rates in various parts of the country, but while that difference is gradually lessening there is yet considerable variance. The cost of living and farming also varies in different localities, so that a laborer working for a wage in one locality can save more than he could by getting more wages in some other locality. In North Carolina during the decade there has been a steady increase in farm wages.

RESOURCEFUL DURHAM.

Something like a million dollar fire will cause but a few halting steps in Durham's onward march of progress. Durham is its own asset and it may have been singed a bit but it is yet the center of the same resourceful country which has made Durham one of the thriftiest and most important cities in North Carolina.

In order to cause much of a halt in Durham, the productive and prosperous country surrounding it would have to be destroyed, but as that is beyond the possibilities, Durham will simply get busy and become a handsomer if not more important city. Many of her most valuable buildings were burned, but Durham's biggest asset was untouched. That is the men who have made Durham what it is and who can be relied upon to make a new and greater Durham.

That does not require anything in the shape of either conjecture or prophecy, since arrangements have been made by many to commence rebuilding within the next sixty days. It is quite likely that Mr. George W. Watts will erect a $250,000 block of buildings. There you are, so what's the use to worry about Durham?

Not only is the National honor involved in Wilson's effort to have the free tolls clause stricken from the Panama Canal act, but the principles and the business capacity of the Democratic party are concerned. Putting it entirely on the matter of business, it would be unbusinesslike in any party to exempt shipping from toll unless the canal were otherwise self-supporting. To exempt the shipping trust and put the cost on the people is not the Democratic way of doing business. The Hon. Claude Kitchin might think differently but we are opposed to taxing the people so the shipping trust can save money.

A woman is always attracted by a bargain but does not want a cheap skate at any price.

Texas may yet cause as much trouble as Ulster.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A portion of the State press shows some hostility to the progressive movement, but it is principally from misunderstanding the genius and purposes of the movement. The aim of the undertaking is purely to increase the efficiency of the Democratic party as an instrument of reform. It is a worthy cause and should command the support of the press, which generally can be depended on to stand for whatever will help the State.—Raleigh News and Observer.

What happened to the Republican party at Chicago is precisely what is going to happen to the Democratic party in North Carolina if pathetic sophists are permitted to let the party drift into a condition wherein the voice of the boss will predominate in the party councils. And in sounding a timely warning our belief is that we are doing the Democracy a favor rather than an injury. The Democratic party in North Carolina, of all the States, does not need a boss, and what we are saying is that it ought not to tolerate one.—Greensboro News (Ind.)

Men who have traveled much in the eastern part of the State during the past ten days say that the farmers have made arrangements to make astonishingly large reductons in their cotton acreage and to plant much land in tobacco. But the phenomenally cold March, with its frequent snows, killed great quantities of the tobacco plants in the plant beds and now not a few of the farmers who had planned to put in tobacco will return to cotton. There had been in several papers the earliest plea for thought as to the planting of tobacco, so that there will be no overplanting and to prevent overdoing that crop and cutting down prices. It seems that nature has lent a hand in this very matter. There have also been pleas not to overplant cotton and in the past few seasons there has been no great increase in acreage, despite high prices.—Raleigh Times.

MAY POSTMASTERS TAKE PART IN THE PRIMARIES?

Candidate Preston, In the Ninth, Wants to Know—Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Postmaster General Burleson told two Congressmen today that he had never talked to Mr. Rand Preston, of Charlotte, with reference to what activities would be allowed Democratic postmasters in the Ninth district during the coming Congressional campaign in which Mr. Preston will try his hand for the nomination. The postmaster general at first declared he had never seen Mr. Preston, but when the young man was described to him he remarked, "Oh, yes. I do remember the young man. I believe he introduced me to a North Carolina audience during the recent campaign."

Mr. Burleson then explained that Mr. Preston called to see him some weeks ago but that no mention was made of the question of allowing postmasters to take part in the coming primary election. He said Preston called to pay his respects and that politics was not discussed in any way.

J. M. Allen, of Louisburg, was here today and held conferences with Representative Pou, James Randolph Collie and Senator Overman. It is understood the genial Franklin county man gave these gentlemen some "pointers" as to who would make a good postmaster to succeed the Republican incumbent whose term of office expires April 4th. It is believed that friends of Bob Davis will try to help him land the place. Mr. Allen is a very popular citizen and it is expected that the powers that be will think a long time before naming a man that is not in sympathy with Mr. Allen's friends.

Mr. Overman today called at the Postoffice Department and after having a very stormy interview with the fourth assistant postmaster general's office, left the department believing that the State would yet be able to secure the $20,000 Federal road money, which the Postoffice Department declares was withdrawn because the State officials failed to properly designate roads until after the money had been allotted to other States.

Arthur Page, son of Ambassador Walter H. Page, held a conference with President Wilson today.

P. R. A.

William Hawkins Tried.

William Hawkins, colored, charged with assaulting Ben Morris Sunday night, had a hearing before Justice Harriss yesterday. Judgment was held open until this morning and should probable cause be found he will be sent to the Recorder for trial. According to the evidence Hawkins is the negro that knocked Morris down with a club, causing him to be unconscious for three hours. There were two young men with Morris at the time and they were positive that he was the man. Hawkins denies having had anything to do with the alleged assault.

Mr. W. P. Boger Promoted.

Mr. W. P. Boger, formerly with the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, but more recently with the Florida East Coast Railroad of the Flagler system, has been promoted to the position of general freight agent of the Florida East Coast. He formerly held the chief clerkship in the office of the general freight agent. He was with the A. C. L. here for several years and made many friends while in Wilmington, all of whom will be delighted to learn of the advance which has come to him.

SURPRISED HER FRIENDS.

Went to Visit Friends; News of Marriage Returns.

Burgaw, N. C., March 24.—Mrs. Tiney Simpson and daughter, Miss Bert, of Pilot Mountain, were here last week visiting relatives. Mrs. Simpson left Friday for her home, while Miss Bert went over to Maple Hill, ostensibly to visit friends, but the news that came from that section a few days later was to the effect that she had been married over there. This news was a great surprise to her friends here, as none of them was aware that she had any such intentions.

YOUTH IN OLD AGE

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A few generations back a man at 50 was considered old, gray-bearded and waiting for death. Note the change today; at a meeting of the Medico-Legal Society it was stated that a man of 50 ought to have forty good years ahead of him and, thus at 90 he is in the fullness of maturity.

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Mr. Wharton Starts His Campaign In Greensboro.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—Mr. E. P. Wharton, assistant health officer without salary, today launched his campaign on the fly. Last year he conducted a similar campaign, giving freely of his time and money, and met with great success. This year he expects to see accomplished even better results. He will be enthusiastically assisted by many citizens whose faith has been quickened in the work. Mr. Wharton hopes to make Greensboro known as a flyless city. In order to do this he must have an early start, and get at the flies before they begin to swarm from the debris and filth.

The city commissioners yesterday afternoon passed an ordinance requiring that all bread sold in the city for table use must be securely wrapped so as to protect it from flies, dirt and dust, and the ordinance will be strictly enforced. The matter has been under discussion for sometime but no ordinance was passed until yesterday.

Washington, March 26.—The Constitutionalist agency here tonight gave out the following telegram from Rafael Muzquiz, Constitutional agent, at El Paso: "Gomez Palacio and Laredo are in our hands and Torreon is completely surrounded. We are expecting victry at any hour."

CHILDREN'S COLDS TREATED EXTERNALLY

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Pres. of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., says: "In the last few years we have used

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IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

Spring Like Weather Is Marked by a General Activity Toward Civic Betterment.

General activity along many lines looking toward civic betterment and the improvement of the appearance of the city has been the result of the spring-like weather prevailing the past few days, and the work now under way promises notable results upon its completion. Trees and shrubbery are being set out, lawns seeded or turfed, gardens laid out and planted, and paint is being used to considerable advantage on many buildings.

Notable among the improvements now under way, is the work started yesterday on the little park adjoining the City Hall. This work is being done by the Civic Department of Sorosis, permission for the improvements having been granted by the city officials. Around the cement curbing bordering the lawn moor river hedges are being set out. The trenches for the hedges were started yesterday and part of the hedge was also set out.

When the hedges are finished, flowering and evergreen shrubbery will be planted along the City Hall walls, while in the plats between the streets and sidewalks water oaks will be set out. All this work is being done by experts from the Audubon nursery, employed by the Civic Department of Sorosis.

The city officials themselves will probably seed down the lawn at the City Hall. This is badly needed, as the grass is worn out by feet tramping across it. When the improvements are completed steps will be taken to prevent the tramping across the lawn, and all who have occasion to cross the property will be requested to use the walks.

Across the street from the City Hall, at the court house, the plats between the building and the new cement sidewalks, which recently replaced the old brick sidewalks, have been bedded down with rich dirt and yesterday were turfed with grass roots. The Commissioners have also been requested to put out trees in the plats between the sidewalks and streets.

Under the supervision of the park and tree commission, the improvements at the postoffice property, the use of which has been granted the city by the government for park purposes, is going forward steadily, and will be completed, it is thought, in a few weeks now. Walks are being laid through the property, and trees, shrubbery and flowers are to be put out, in accordance with an attractive plan prepared for the Park and Tree Commission. When completed this park will offer a most delightful and attractive little recreation and resting place in the heart of the downtown section.

Incidentally, the damage done to the city's trees during the storm of a few weeks ago, has been practically offset, thanks to the prompt action taken by the City Council and the Park and Tree Commission, and cooperated in by citizens, in having the damaged trees trimmed and treated by experts. Large forces of men have been busy on this work for several weeks, and it is now about completed. When the foliage comes out this spring the damage to the trees will hardly be noticeable.

Many residences and business houses are being painted in all sections of the city, and these improvements lend a much better appearance to the town.

All in all, the "clean up and paint up campaign," which is being waged so effectually throughout the larger cities of the country promises to be emulated here this spring in a manner that will vastly benefit the city.

AVIATION EXHIBITION AT THE BEACH TODAY.

Flights to be Made at Wrightsville This Afternoon—Passengers.

A series of three afternoon flying exhibitions will begin this afternoon at Wrightsville Beach and continue through Sunday afternoon. The exhibitions are given by the Berger Aviation Company, which gave several exhibitions at Sunset Park some weeks ago, and one exhibition at Wrightsville Beach Sunday two weeks ago.

The flights are open to the public, no charge being made, and a most cordial invitation is extended the public to be present and witness the exhibition. Ample street car service has been arranged for and cars will be operated to the beach every half hour this and tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. On Sunday afternoon the regular half hour schedule will be operated.

Mr. J. S. Berger, president of the company, says that indications are that ideal conditions will prevail. The tide will be well out, affording a broad, hard-packed strip of sand to make the preliminary runs over.

A number of applications have been received from citizens who desire to take flights as passengers with Mr. Howard M. Rinehart, who operates the big Wright machine. Mr. Berger says that several very prominent young ladies intend to make passenger trips, and also a number of men. Among those booked to make a passenger flight this afternoon is Mr. Irl T. Sell.

The successful passenger-carriyng flights of Sunday two weeks ago created much interest, and it is expected that a very large crowd will go down to see the flights this afternoon, as well as tomorrow and next day. With favorable weather and air conditions, Aviator Rinehart hopes to do some fancy flying also.

The flights begin promptly at 2 o'clock each afternoon and continue until 6 o'clock.

Formal Transfer of Property.

The deed transferring the property of the North Carolina Cotton Oil Company to the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company was filed for record at the court house yesterday. The details of the transfer have been published previously. The North Carolina Cotton Oil Company's plant here was a subsidiary of the American Cotton Oil Company, of New York, and under a re-organization of the company, whereby the different branches of its varied industries are carried on by separate companies, the local plant becomes one of the factories of the Union Seed & Fertilizer Company. The change does not affect the operation of the plant here.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. T. Foy and wife to B. F. King, Jr., and Samuel Seigler, Jr., for $100 and other considerations, tract in Pender county, on Scott's Hill road, containing 11.3 acres; Manhattan Company to W. H. Lewis, for $10 and other considerations, lot No. 65 in Fernside; Julius Hondius and wife to Frank H. Russell and wife, for $1,900 and other considerations, Farm No. 76 of Castle Haynes tract.

NINE NUMBERS NEXT YEAR

Boys' Brigade Lyceum Course for the Coming Season Better and Larger Than Ever Before.

The Boys' Brigade will close its lyceum course for the season 1913-1914 Monday night, when the Beulah Buck Ladies' Quartette will present their splendid programme. This will be the closing number of what has been the most successful season of this course. The policy of the committee having this feature in charge has been one of improvement and expansion, and both efforts resulted in a better and bigger course this season than was presented during the first three years. The number of entertainments was increased from six to seven and the character of the entertainments greatly improved, which is the reason for the success achieved.

However, the efforts of the committee to provide a greater course have not yet been exhausted for it has been decided that next season will be greater and better than any season in the past. Instead of seven numbers for next season there will be nine, which is an increase of two over this season and three over the first three seasons. It has been further decided that there will be no increase in the price for season tickets, which will continue to be $2.50. Two of the best numbers of this season will be repeated next season. These will be the Schumen Quintette, which proved to be one of the most highly pleasing musical entertainments ever presented at the Brigade, and the other will be the Beulah Buck Quartette, which will appear here Monday night as the closing number. There will be seven other numbers. These will be the Neopolitan Orchestra with tenor and soprano soloists. The instrumentalists are eight in number under the direction of Signor Vito Lacerenza, one of the best italian directors. The vocal soloists are Signor Monetti, tenor, and Mlle. Belini, soprano, of the la Scale Opera Company of Milan, Italy, and more recently from the Manhattan Opera House of New York City.

Another great musical number will be the Metropolitan Grand Quartette, composed of Mr. Chas. L. Neth, lyric tenor, Mr. Paul Chase, robust tenor, Mr. John Eberly and Mr. Thomas Wade Lane, basso, with Mrs. Willo Page Lane, pianist. All of these are really great singers, not the usual ordinary male quartette one hears so frequently. Each voice is a great voice, having had the very best of cultivation and the singers have had vast experience in opera, oratorio and concert singing, both in America and Europe. They are offered through the lyceum this season because of the insistent demand for a really high class quartette and they are presented with the reputation of being the best male quartette in America today.

In W. H. Sears, popularly known as the "Taffy Man" because of his great lecture, "More Taffy and Less Epitaphy," and Booth Lowry, known the country over as "The Blue Mountain Philosopher," the Brigade has secured two of the really great lecturers of America. Theirs is not the dry address of many so-called lecturers, but their message is presented in the clothes of humor which, while possessing all the beauty, eloquence and elevating qualities of the best lectures, are so presented that hearty laughter results throughout. These are both popular lectures which will appeal strongly to the general audience.

Another purely mirth provoking entertainment is that of the Edwin R. Weeks Company. These have been secured because they present the same kind of a programme as did the great Neil LItchfield, who created such an impression while here two years ago and who was re-engaged to return, but who died before finishing his last season. Then there will be a high class presentation of legerdemain by Mr. J. M. Totten, who is one of the greatest in this line in America. The Avon Sketch Club is another popular entertainment which will appeal to every kind of mind. This consists of four ladies and one man. The company was trained and selected by Mr. Elias Day, who appeared here a few weeks ago, and this of itself is sufficient to assure the character of this number.

These nine entertainments will constitute the Boys' Brigade Lyceum Course for the season 1914-1915. The increase in number of entertainments has not been made through any sacrifice of quality as might be supposed, as both the number and quality of the entertainments has been raised and the course is valued $350 more than was that of this season, being probably the most expensive course ever presented in Wilmington. It may be interesting to know that the cost of this course is twice as great as was that for the first year. It has been decided to sell 600 season tickets this year. Subscriptions will be taken at once for the number of tickets desired for next season and the tickets will be delivered next September and paid for at that time. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Chas. Dushan or left at the store of Munson & Co., where blank forms for subscription purposes may be found.

THE OXFORD COMPANY.

Splendid Entertainment for St. Andrew's Lyceum Patrons.

One of the best of the series of Lyceum attractions booked for the St. Andrew's Brotherhood was given last night when the Oxford Company appeared before a large and appreciative audience. A very attractive programme was presented; each member appeared in solo and quartette numbers, and in every case showed the complete mastery of their art. Any one number was not better than the other, as all were of such character that it was impossible to discriminate among them.

The last number which was from the comic opera, "The Mikado," and presented almost in its entirety, proved a rare treat indeed for the audience, and that it was greatly appreciated was evidenced by the hearty applause.

The company scored such a big success last night that arrangements were made for a return engagement, and the music lovers of Wilmington who had the misfortune to miss the entertainment last night will have the opportunity of hearing this talented company on their return visit Friday, April 3rd, at which time they will appear under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Christian Endeavor Society.

At the close of the performance last night, the company announced that they would present an entire change of programme on their return visit, and in order that all music lovers, both young and old, might have the pleasure of hearing this all-star company, the committee in charge have arranged special prices of admission for that night, the admission for each adult being 50 cents and school children 25 cents.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

SCHOOL GIVEN TELESCOPE

Generous Donation to Wilmington High School by Eugene S. Martin, Esq.—Yesterday.

A handsome astronomical telescope, five feet in length and with an aperture of five inches, was presented to the Wilmington High School yesterday by Eugene S. Martin, Esq., as a mark of his appreciation for the splendid work the school is doing and also to furnish an impetus for the study of astronomy, a subject in which Mr. Martin has always taken great interest. The instrument will be mounted on the top of the High School building at an early date and will be used in connection with the study of this popular subject by the pupils of the High School.

In accordance with an invitation on the part of Mr. Martin, extended to the joint school committees of Wilmington, for the purpose of presenting the telescope, the members assembled at 12 o'clock yesterday in the office of the superintendent of schools to receive the gift.

There were present beside Mr. Martin, Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman; Mr. Sam Bear, secretary; Mr. W. E. Perdew, Mr. C. W. Worth, of the committee, and Supt. J. J. Blair.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by Mr. Taylor, who expressed the deep appreciation of the committee of the generous donation made by Mr. Martin in the following remarks:

"It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the school committee to accept, for the purposes of public education, your valuable gift, and to say that the instrument will be placed in the most advantageous position to make its use of the greatest possible value.

"In your generous act you betray a deep interest in public education and prove yourself a true patron of liberal culture. The science of astronomy is not only indispensable to the art of navigation, without which the development of the modern world have been impossible, but as an abstract science contributes greatly to the cultivation of the mind; it enlarges the human vision; indefinitely extends our knowledge of nature, and is a true inspiration to higher things.

"It will be our purpose to enlist the interest of the pupils in this study, and your name will ever be associated with the pleasures and profits of this added facility."

This was followed by an interesting talk by Mr. Martin on the subject of astronomy in which he spoke of his interest in the promotion of the study of science in the High School and made comments of a general nature with reference to the instrument and its proper installation. In part his address was as follows:

"It gives me pleasure to donate for the purpose of public education an astronomical telescope made by those excellent makers, Alvon Clark & Sons, of Cambridge, Mass. It has an aperture of five inches and a focal length of about six feet, to be mounted wherever and whenever the proper authorities may appoint.

"The science of astronomy is one of the oldest and most beautiful and attractive of all the sciences, and is well worth the cultivation of man. It tends to ennoble him and to enlarge his conception of the universe and of the great Creator who made it, and is the finest exponent of the omnipotence and immortality of the Deity that can be presented to man's consideration.

"The enormous distances of the stars, the variety of color and beauty of arrangement on the heavenly sky bespeak an intelligence of the most superhuman and incomprehensible magnitude.

"I hope that the instrument will add to the pleasure as well as instruction of the pupils of the High School and enlarge their views of the beneficence of the Creator in presenting for the study of man such a splendid array of varied subjects."

Remarks of appreciation were also made by Mr. Sam Bear, secretary of the committee, in which he called attention to the fact that the greater part of human benefactions are prompted by the example of others, and he hoped that the liberal gift of Mr. Martin to help the students of the institution in the pursuit of knowledge would inspire the general public to emulate his generous act.

Superintendent Blair spoke briefly of Mr. Martin's interest in the school, stating that he had been associated with the High School during the entire period of its existence. Records show, he said, that he was present at the laying of the cornerstone of the old Tileston Normal School building on November 30th, 1871. Then again when the building was donated to the city by the heirs of the Hemenway estate, he was present when the formal transfer was made and prepared the necessary legal papers.

The gift of this telescope, Mr. Blair continued, marks another important epoch in the history of the school. He referred to the fact that the high school of the present time fills the place occupied by ordinary college a quarter of a century ago, and therefore, it was entirely right and proper that the science of astronomy should be given the consideration which it deserves in connection with the other sciences included in the average high school course of study.

Arrangements have been made for mounting the instrument upon the roof of the new school building from which point a splendid and unobstructed view of the sky can be had. At the conclusion of the formal presentation of the instrument yesterday the members of the committee examined the telescope and Mr. Martin explained the different details of its construction.

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MEETING OF THE DOCTORS

Dr. P. W. Covington of State Health Service to Address Physicians on Vital Statistics Law.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, has called a meeting of the physicians of New Hanover county to be held at the court house here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of having them meet with Dr. P. W. Covington, of the State public health service, for a discussion on the new vital statistics law, and the relations between the State Board of Health and the physicians as to this law.

Dr. Covington arrived in the city yesterday, stopping at the Orton Hotel. He will meet the local physicians at the meeting tomorrow and will probably deliver an address at the meeting.

The following is the letter sent out by Dr. Rankin, copies of which have been received by the physicians here, calling the meeting:

"Mr. Dear Doctor:

"The State Board of Health is very desirous that the relation of this office to the profession with reference to the enforcement of the vital statistics law shall be free from any misunderstandings and in every way cordial.

"To this end we are sending our Dr. P. W. Covington to visit your county with the hope of meeting as many of the physicians as possible in order to discuss with them the value of the vital statistics law and their relation to it, and to get from them any suggestions as to methods by which their duties in regard to the registration to births and deaths in their practices may be as easy as possible.

"Dr. Covington will meet the physicians of New Hanover county in the court house on Saturday, March 28th, at 11 o'clock A. M.

"With the sincere hope that you can be present at this meeting, and, in any event, to express our appreciation for any effort that you put forth to meet Dr. Covington, I am,

"Yours very truly,

"W. S. RANKIN, Secretary."

GIVEN IMPORTANT POSITION.

Dr. J. B. Sidbury Receives Appointment at New York Hospital.

The many friends of Dr. J. Bunn Sidbury, brother of K. C. Sidbury, Esq., of this city, will be pleased to learn that he has received an appointment at the New York Foundling Hospital, where he will begin his duties July 1st of this year. This institution is one of the largest, oldest and most widely known children's hospitals in this country. There are about 1,200 children and 200 mothers cared for daily and it provides a wonderful opportunity for the study of children's diseases.

Dr. Sidbury is a son of Mr. V. Sidbury, who is well known here, and was born at Holly Ridge. He received his academic education at Trinity College, Durham, where he received his A. B. degree in 1908. Since his graduation from Trinity he has been in New York City studying medicine. In June 1912 he received his A. M. and M. D. degrees from Columbia University and since then has been serving as an interne in Roosevelt hospital in New York City, where he will finish his service the first of July of this year.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Two Negroes Sent to County Roads for Three Months Each.

Arthur Rice, colored, charged with pointing a pistol at Lizzie Corbett, also colored, was given three months on the county roads yesterday by the Recorder. He thought that this was too steep and served notice of an appeal to Superior Court.

Tom Smith, colored, charged with assaulting Mamie McCoy, also colored, was before the Recorder yesterday and was also given three months on the county roads. One man was up for being drunk and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

—There will be a special meeting of City Council this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of considering financial matters.

Free Aviation Exhibition.

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LETTUCE CROP DELAYED.

Cold Spring Weather Will Make Shipments Month Later Than Usual.

The cold weather that prevailed during the latter part of February and the first part of March will cause the shipments of lettuce to be delayed at least 30 days, according to the statements of truckers. Last year at this time there had been over 10,000 baskets of lettuce sent by express up to this time, while this year there has hardly been any shipped, less than 100 having gone forward. The recent cold snap also injured the crop considerably and served to set it back still more.

The acreage in lettuce this year in this section has been largely increased, but there will likely be a decreased yield although the bulk shipment will be larger than it was last year. The cold weather has also killed the peas, and other crops have suffered extensively.

FUNERAL OF MR. KOHLER.

Services Held From Late Residence Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. C. H. Kohler, whose death occurred Wednesday morning at his home in this city, was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, No. 607 South Second street. The services were attended by many friends from the city and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The members of St. John's Lodge of Masons and Hanover Lodge of Odd Fellows attended the services in a body and acted as an escort for the remains to the grave.

The interment was in Bellevue cemetery and was with Masonic honors, the deceased having been for many years a member of the Masonic order.

The pallbearers were: Honorary, Messrs. C. N. Packer, B. H. Marshall, Hardy Lanier and T. G. Landen; active, Messrs. H. O. Thomas, L. W. Moore, H. H. Merritt, J. J. McPherson, Frank King and B. A. Merritt. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Odd Fellows, and the active were members of the Masonic order.

FIRE DAMAGED RESIDENCE.

Large House on North Seventh Street Had Roof Burned Off Yesterday.

Fire, caused by sparks from a chimney, burned the roof almost off and did other damage to a large frame house on North Seventh street, between Bladen and Harnett, yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The loss was about $500. The firemen were on the scene promptly and soon extinguished the flames.

The residence is known as the Melton house and is occupied by several colored families.

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Miss Duralde Borden has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. A. Cannon, of Concord.

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The choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church augmented by ten other voices, will render the Cantata, "The Conversion of St. Paul," by Harry Alexander Matthews, on Sunday night, April 5th.

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Mrs. Boyden Randolph Sparks, formerly Miss Bessie Gore, of this city, who is now living at St. Petersburg, Fla., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, No. 420 South Front street.

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Mrs. R. A. Nelson and little daughter, Kinloch, have arrived from their home at Williamson, W. Va., to spend several weeks with Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Preston Cumming, No. 315 South Second street.

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The Seagate public school will give an entertainment in the public school tonight for the benefit of the library fund. A most attractive programme has been arranged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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Miss Erla Roberts Swain has met with a most generous response to her appeal for money with which to build a sun parlor at the James Walker Memorial Hospital for the women of the public ward, and over a hundred dollars for this fund was subscribed yesterday. The entire cost will be $850 and at the present rate it will only be a short time before the money for doing the work is in hand. It is hoped to have the work done before the beginning of summer.

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Miss Ida McLean Black leaves this afternoon for Sanford, where she will spend several days with her cousin, Miss May Cross, following which she will go to Clayton for a few days to visit her sistor, Miss Hazel Black. Miss Cross will accompany her to Clayton.

The regular meeting of the Literature Department of North Carolina Sorosis will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. K. Bryan, No. 9 South Fifth street. A full attendance is desired as the arrangement of a programme for the coming year and the selection of a chairman will be discussed. An interesting literary programme has also been prepared for the occasion.

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SANG SACRED CANTATA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

At the First Presbyterian Church last night the choir, assisted by a number of other singers of the city, sang with great beauty the sacred Cantata by J. H. Maunder, "Olivet to Calvary." There was a large and appreciative congregation present at the service which was opened by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, with a reading of scripture and prayer and following the rendition of the sacred and sublime selection was closed with the benediction. Seldom has there been a service in this city that was more impressive and striking.

Those taking part in the rendition of the Cantata last night are all accomplished musicians and had spent much time in rehearsing the music, so that their voices blended in perfect harmony. The music for the most part was sublime and graceful, showing in a truly artistic manner the sad scenes of the life of Christ during His last few days on earth. For this reason to enter fully into the spirit of it requires a deep sense of reverence and devotion in order to make it most effective.

The choir last night was composed of Miss Carrie Bowen, Mrs. Cameron F. MacRae, Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Mrs. Greene Fenley, Mrs. Jas. D. Smith, Mrs. Julian Taylor, Miss Ruth Bowen, Messrs. Greene Fenley, Chas. Dushan, J. B. Fenley, Frederick Richens, E. M. McColl, H. K. Holden and J. F. Harriss, with Mr. E. H. Munson at the organ.

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INTERESTING LECTURES BY MISS VAN BUREN.

Miss Maud vanBuren had a busy day yesterday, lecturing in the morning to the students of the High School and also during the day visiting the other schools and making short talks. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock she delivered her lecture on "Local Food Supply," in the auditorium to the ladies of the city. She left last night for Burgaw where she will lecture on civic topics today. She was very much pleased with the great interest that is being shown in civic improvement in Wilmington and also in the various cities of the State.

In her lecture yesterday afternoon she showed the importance of having shops inspected that sell food supplies. She commended in glowing terms the splendid work of Miss Carolina Bartlett Crane, chairman of the Household Economics Department of the General Federation of Woman's clubs, who has been called the greatest municipal housekeeper in the world. She has done untold good in traveling from city to city making inspections of shops and bringing about improved conditions.

Miss van Buren also called attention to the most effective means for waging a campaign for the extermination of flies, especially emphasizing the importance of getting rid of the breeding places. She spoke of the great work that is being done in Greensboro which already has a National reputation, she said, and at the present rate will soon have an international reputation.

The women living in the cities should know the ordinances, she declared, in order that they may see that they are properly enforced, especially those that pertain to public health. The health laws are as important as those that affect the public peace and one should not be emphasized to the detriment of the other. She commended the work of the health department of Wilmington, stating that this was the only city in the State she had visited that had an incinerator. She was also glad to see improvements along other lines.

While she had traveled extensively in Europe, she said, and had seen many of the most beautiful streets in the Old World, she had not seen one that could surpass in beauty that of Third street in this city. She again discussed the importance of preserving the trees. She said that it took three generations to grow a tree but only 21 years to grow a fool who could destroy them.

Her lecture was heard with the greatest interest by quite a number of women who are deeply interested in the civic improvement of the city. She is a woman who is unusually well informed on these topics and was able to give them much valuable information along these lines.

Free Aviation Exhibition.
Wrightsville Beach Today, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

OPENING EVENT TONIGHT

Membership Supper at Y. M. C. A. Tonight—Addresses by Mayor Moore and Others.

The opening event of the Inter-City Y. M. C. A. membership campaign for the local association will be an elaborate supper which will be served tonight at 6:30 o'clock in the banquet hall on the second noor of the building by the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary to the members of the various teams working in the contest, the board of directors and friends of the association interested in the contest. Addresses will be made by Mayor P. Q. Moore and other representative citizens of the city.

The organization of the teams was practically completed yesterday and the members are ready for the contest which begins tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock and continues through April 4th, closing at 10 o'clock on that date. There are 11 cities in the contest, these being Wilmington, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Sumter, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Augusta, Savannah and Mobile.

The supper tonight will be presided over by Mr. D. H. Penton, president of the association. The opening prayer will be made by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Following the serving of the supper, short addresses will be made by Mayor Moore and a number of other representative citizens.

The first speaker will be Mayor Moore, who will speak on "Why We Should Win." Mr. Chas. N. Evans, president of the Commercial Club, will speak on "Competition as an Incentive to Accomplishment." "Our Duty to the Other Fellow," will be the subject of a short address by Rev. F. B. Clausen. Commissioner Frank Barry, of the Commercial Club, will speak on "Organization for Wilmington and What It Means." "How Far" will be the subject of an address by W. P. Stacy, Esq., vice president of the association.

At the conclusion of the addresses Mr. W. A. McGirt, general chairman of the membership committee, will explain the principal features of the contest and give final instructions to the different teams for the work that they are expected to do during the campaign. The slogan for Wilmington is "One Thousand Members and the Inter-City Cup". With hard and persistent work on the part of the 100 or more men who have agreed to do active work in the contest it is believed that she will be able to do both.

Secretary A. T. Stratton, of the Columbia association, sent a telegram to Secretary Huntington yesterday stating that the trophy cup was there now on exhibition, and that it was the intention of his association to keep it there. Columbia will be the clearing house for the returns in the contest which will be made daily and Mr. Stratton will be the official referee. Each night the different associations will send in their report to Columbia at 6 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock the complete returns from each of the 12 cities will be wired out to the various associations.

Shrier & Solomon have kindly loaned the use of one of their large show windows during the contest and the returns will be posted there so that anyone in the city can tell just how the different cities stand. Large score boards have also been arranged in the lobby of the association on which the returns, telegrams and other particulars will be posted.

Practically all the arrangements have been made for the contest and tomorrow morning the teams will begin active work.

MR. H. CRONENBERG DEAD.

Well Known Photographer, of This City, Passed Away Yesterday.

Many friends in the city and elsewhere will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Henry Cronenberg, a well known photographer of this city, which occurred yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. William C. Cronenberg, No. 406 Castle street, after an illness of six months. He appeared to be better than usual Wednesday and was sitting up. His son found him early in the night in an unconscious state and he had evidently suffered a stroke of paralysis. He never regained consciousness.

The deceased had lived in Wilmington for 33 years, coming here from Columbia, S. C., where he was born and reared. He was 58 years old. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. He was a photographer and followed this occupation until last November when he retired on account of ill health.

Surviving him are two sons, Messrs. William C. and Henry M. Cronenberg, both of this city, and five brothers, as follows: Messrs. Robert Cronenberg, of Florence, S. C.; John Cronenberg, of Rocky Mount, and Fritz, Albert and Charles, of Columbia, S. C. They will have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

The funeral will be held from the residence of his son, Mr. Wm. C. Cronenberg, No. 406 Castle street, this morning at 10:30 o'clock, thence to St. Paul's Lutheran church. The services will be conducted by Rev. F. B. Clausen, his pastor. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

WILL BUY NEW CARPET.

Epworth League of Fifth Street M. E. Church Will Raise $900.

The Epworth League, of Fifth Street Methodist church, one of the livest organizations in this popular church, has decided to raise $900 with which to purchase a new carpet for the church. The league has already raised a large sum of money for the general improvement of the interior of the church and this amount will be raised in addition.

Following are the members that have pledged themselves to solicit the necessary funds: Mrs. M. J. Fowler and Mrs. W. E. Yopp, $200; Mrs. E. A. Palmgren and Misses Mamie Brooks and Emma Belle LeGwin, $200; Mr. M. J. Cowell, $250; Mr. E. H. Hardison, $250. The president requests that all members be prepared to contribute to this worthy cause when they are called upon.

A. & Y. Train Late.

The A. C. L. train on the A. & Y. branch, due to arrive here at 8:05 P. M., did not reach Wilmington last night until nearly 11 o'clock. The cause of the delay as reported was waiting on connections at Greensboro.

..Theatrical..

The second bill of the Victoria's present week opened yesterday under most auspicious circumstances and proved a delightful treat, as the new show presents big novelties and some otherwise charming features. The bill is especially marked by the appearance of the famed European star, Carletta, known as the "Human Dragon." Carletta first appears in full dragon costume and performs stunts that would really make one of originals shame of itself. Another strong feature is the appearance of Livingstone and Fields. Now this is a decidedly classical act; one of the prettiest and most charming ever seen at the Victoria. They are young ladies of high musical attainments and their singing and violin playing are simply superb. The act is also beautiful for costumery. The Ferraros, clown acrobats, are also winners and their sketch is decidedly pleasing, and will appeal especially to the children, who should be certain to see them at matinee this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon.

Owing to sickness of one of the artists the "Mudville Minstrels," presented by Creighton Bros. & Belmont, could not appear, but the Victoria was equal to the emergency yesterday and ran on a special release film of the great moving picture comedian, the Hon. John Bunny, while immediately wiring to New York for another big vaudeville act.

At The Bijou Today.

"To Err Is Human" was scheduled for the Bijou yesterday, but the unprecedented demand for this great three-reel feature caused it to be a day late in reaching Wilmington and will be on to head today's big bill. This is one of the most interesting dramas ever written for the movies, and is produced by an all-star cast of photoplay actors, some of the biggest in the business. It is a really big offering, a long way out of the routine of the ordinary photoplay, and no one should miss it.

"Her Love Letters" is another high class drama. His wife was supposed to have been drowned in mid-ocean, and the heartbroken husband in looking through her desk found some love letters written to her by another man. Circumstances and appearances were all against her, but she turned up alive, and the unique manner in which the whole matter was explained and proven reads like a fairy story.

"The Man," a Western comedy feature, will be on to end today's big bill, giving a big variety to suit all tastes. This is one of the brightest and best that has been produced this season, and you will undoubtedly enjoy it to the fullest.

Bijou comfort, and all that it implies, leaves you free to enjoy the pictures, that's one big point in favor of the Bijou.

Theatre of Sunshine.

The theatre of sunshine and of the heart's delight, the cozy, handsome Grand, was in big popular favor again yesterday. Rushing business prevailed all day, and, of course, each huge audience was tremendously delighted. There is such a wholesome, fascinating atmosphere about the Grand that the people of Wilmington love and clamor for. The Grand has just closed a contract for the appearance, in moving pictures next Wednesday, of the noted actor, Cyril Scott, in "The Day of Days," under the management of Mr. Daniel Frohman.

Today's bill is another corker and one that will offer a great special feature, as well as other star films. The special for today is a great one, being Kalem's "The Hand Print Mystery." It's in two parts and each teems with thrills and will hypnotize with intense interest.

Another swell film on today is Selig's "The Heart of Maggie Malone," and it will go direct to every heart. It's the story of Maggie Malone, who lives in the squalor of the tenement district of a big city, but who hugs close to heart the tender, sweet principle that "every one can be decent."

The Vitagraph will furnish a hummer in the way of a fun picture today. It is "How Burke and Burke Made Good," being the story of two vaudeville artists who fail to make good, but the theatre manager makes them earn their salaries in other ways.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Dr. W. B. Woods, of Maysville, was among the guests registered at the Orton yesterday.

—Capt. J. J. Crosswell, of Fayetteville, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Dr. P. W. Covington, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. Thos. E. Cooper, president of the American National Bank, has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went on business.

—Mr. W. A. Powell, of Newbern, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. Clarence D. Sedberry, of Fayetteville, a popular and well known "knight of the grip", is in the city for a day or two on business.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Rosa Osten and Dan Davis, both colored, were arrested yesterday by Policeman Leon George on a charge of vagrancy. They were lodged in the city prison.

—Councilman W. F. Jones has advertised for bids for furnishing 50 to 75 uniforms for the police and fire departments. Bids will be opened on April 6th.

—Mrs. Mary V. Smith has sold to Mr. H. F. Wilder and Marsden Bellamy, Esq., for $4,000 eight houses on Seventh street, between Nixon and Taylor. The sale was made through Mr. Stacy Adams.

POSTAL TO MOVE.

Telegraph Company Secures New Quarters on Front Street.

The Postal Telegraph Company yesterday closed a deal with Mr. I. Shrier for a five-year lease on the building owned by him at 219 North Front street, four doors north of the Postal's present location, and will move into its new quarters about May 1st.

The building is to be remodeled on the interior, and a plate glass front will be put in, as well as a number of other improvements being made. Mr. W. H. Stansell, the popular manager for the Postal here, is already busy making the arrangements for the transfer of locations.

At present W. R. Dosher & Co. occupy the Shrier building. This company will remove to No. 18 Market street. The building at present occupied by the Postal is owned by Mr. T. W. Wood.

Deacons Elected.

At a meeting of the members of Seagate Baptist church Monday night the following were elected deacons: Messrs. L. Larkins, L. N. Rouse, L. G. Bass, J. F. Standland. They will be formally installed at a later date.

PARASOL OPENING

The Season's Leading Parasol Novelties.

A. D. Brown

"The Wooltex Store."

ADDITIONAL TRACK AT BEACH.

Tidewater Power Company Double Tracking Part of Island.

An additional track is being put down by the Tidewater Power Company on Wrightsville Beach from Station 1 to the Seashore Hotel switch. Work has alreay been started, and the track will be completed within a few weeks.

The company eventually intends to double-track the whole length of the beach from the Oceanic Hotel to Lumina, but this work will not be completed this season. The additional track is being put down on the sound side of the old track. It will greatly facilitate in the traffic on the beach, for the reason that cars will now not have to wait at Lumina, but outward and inward bound cars will pass each other at the switch at the Seashore Hotel, thus enabling them to run on a faster schedule. Local cars on the beach will also be able to operate oftener than has heretofore been the case.

Free Aviation Exhibition.
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New Arrivals

—AT—

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Every day and every method of transportation brings in New Things.

A line of beautiful Ribbons, that was intended for the Opening Days has just arrived, and are now on sale.

New Leghorns, New Shepardess Pokes, Waterproof Maline, New Mourning Hats and Veils.

75c Flowered Silk Poplins, new and beautiful, will be sold for 59c.

Flowered Silk Poplins that are sold everywhere else for $1.00 will be sold by this store for 75c.

38-inch Silk Crepe, of straight $1.00 value, 75c.

27-inch Embroidered Tissue, in plaids and stripes. Regular price, 25c.; now selling at 19c.

A large and handsome line of Shadow Flouncing, 18 to 27 inches.

50 pieces of All Linen Narrow Torchon Lace, 5c yard.

50 pieces Hamburg Embroideries, 3½ inch to 5 inch, 10c. yard.

CLOTHES HAMPERS—Beautifully and strongly made of bleached willow, in different shapes, to fit corners and angles of room, $2.00 to $4.50.

New Spring Shoes for all, at a saving of 25%.

BOY SCOUT SUITS, $1.25; $1.50.

Wash Suits for Children, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

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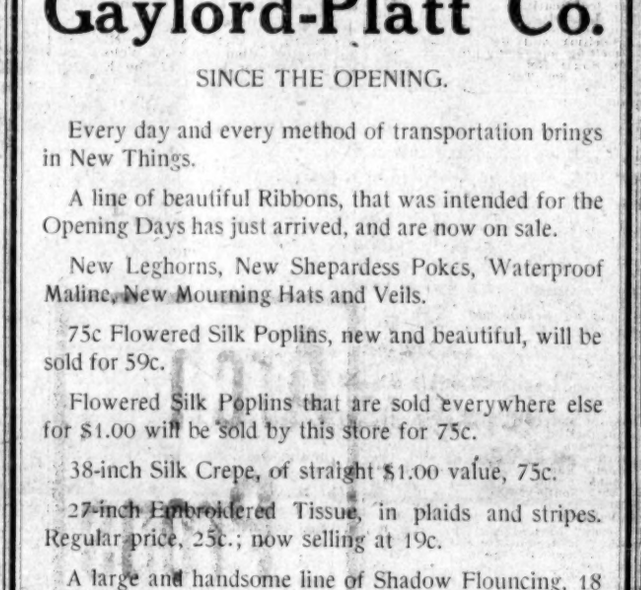

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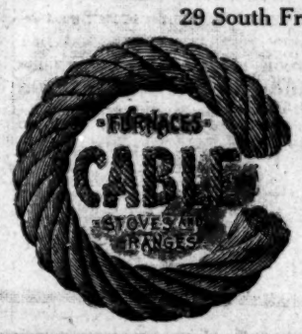

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With the usual mixture of cotton seed meal, acid and kainit, its capacity is 3 1-2 foot rows, 200 to 1,000 pounds per acre, (more per acre on narrower, and less on wider rows). It is easily regulated, and when gears are set for quantity wanted the feed never changes; not affected by the speed of the horse; up or down hill the same; is well made; light draft; does absolutely perfect work. Its success is attested to by representative farmers throughout the entire cotton belt; weighs about ninety pounds.

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET UNSETTLED

March and May Contracts Showed a Tendency to Ease Off Under Realizing—Closed Steady.

New York, March 26.—Cotton was unsettled today, with March and May contracts showing a tendency to ease off under realizing, while July and later portions were relatively firm on covering and some scattered buying. Closed steady, net 3 points lower to 8 points higher. The market opened steady, at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 point on comparatively easy cables and under weight of near month liquidation. Leading spot brokers seemed willing to sell enough March at 80 points over May to supply a scattering demand for the near months, while May was offered rather freely and found less support than recently, owing, it was supposed to the reduced short interest. These two positions, consequently, soon sold about seven points under yesterday's closing. July and the new crop positions were relatively steady on this decline, and the May premium was reduced to 17 points.

Houses with Liverpool and New Orleans connections were good buyers of July, partly to undo straddles, while there seemed to be some fresh buying, as well as covering in the new crop months. At any rate these positions sold only a point or two under yesterday's closing, and led the afternoon rally, which carried prices about 1 to 8 points net higher. The close was a shade off from the best, under realizing.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 13.50; gulf, 13.75. No sales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	12.94	12.95	12.88	12.93
May	12.13	12.16	12.08	12.13
July	11.80	11.98	11.87	11.96
Aug	11.69	11.76	11.68	11.76
Oct	11.34	11.42	11.32	11.40
Dec	11.40	11.49	11.37	11.48

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 3,900; gross receipts, 3,900; sales, 1,375; stock, 272,535; coastwise, 5,086.

New Orleans—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 4,435; gross receipts, 4,581; sales, 1,400; stock, 174,368; continent, 5,750.

Mobile—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 1,146; gross receipts, 1,146; sales, 350; stock, 25,909; coastwise, 5.

Savannah—Steady, 13.00; net receipts 1,534; gross receipts, 1,534; sales, 1,306; stock, 79,327; continent, 560; coastwise, 33.

Charleston—Steady, 13.00; net receipts, 334; gross receipts, 334; stock, 12,598.

Wilmington—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 569; gross receipts, 569; stock, 19,757; coastwise, 200.

Norfolk—Steady, 13.00; net receipts, 1,037; gross receipts, 1,037; sales, 1,161; stock, 44,234; coastwise, 2,364.

Baltimore—Nominal, 13¾; gross receipts, 1,000; stock, 3,580; continent, 1,916.

New York — Quiet, 13.50; net receipts, 150; gross receipts, 2,173; sales, 1,000; stock 110,307; France, 550; coastwise, 710.

Boston—Steady, 13.50; gross receipts, 380; stock, 19,439.

Philadelphia—Steady, 13.75; stock, 2,675.

Texas City—Net receipts, 441; gross receipts, 441; stock, 10,906; coastwise, 658.

Minor Ports—Net receipts, 158; gross receipts, 158; stock, 8,205; coastwise, 158.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 13,704; France, 550; continent, 8,226; stock, 787,909.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 95,849; Great Britain, 83,529; France 550; continent, 62,445; Japan, 11,158.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 9,319,508; Great Britain, 2,880,444; France, 957,123; continent 3,280,954; Japan, 324,038; Mexico, 23,885.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 2,640; gross receipts, 2,640; shipments, 5,385; sales, 1,036; stock, 142,085.

Augusta—Steady, 13¼; net receipts 815; gross receipts, 1,020; shipments, 1,645; sales, 1,145; stock, 65,508.

Memphis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 631; gross receipts, 2,263; shipments, 4,139; sales, 1,450; stock, 127,623.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 34; gross receipts, 1,345; shipments, 1,804; stock, 33,098.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 955; gross receipts, 955; shipments, 666; stock, 21,828.

Little Rock—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 342; gross receipts, 342; shipments, 199; stock, 51,887.

Total today—Net receipts, 5,417; gross receipts, 8,565; shipments, 12,338; sales, 3,631; stock, 442,691.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 26.—Spot, easier. Good middling, 7.50 Middling, 7.08; low middling, 6.68; sales, 8,000; speculation and export, 500; receipts, 16,000. Futures quie and steady. March, 6.74; March-April, 6.72½; May-June, 6.63; July-August, 6.53½; August-September, 6.41½; October-November, 6.16½; December-January, 6.09½; January-February, 6.09½.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, March 26.—Turpentine, easy. Rosin, quiet.

Savannah, March 26.—Turpentine, firm, at 46¾@47; sales, 240; receipts, 251; shipments, 12; stocks, 12,670.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 821; receipts 1,671; shipments, none; stocks, 117,068.

Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.75; E, 3.75@3.85; F, 3.80@3.95; G, 3.90@4.05; H, 4.05@4.10; I, 4.05@4.12½; K, 4.15; M, 4.60; N 5.50; W G, 5.85; W W, 6.00.

JOINED SHOW AT WILMINGTON.

Stranger Dies at Newbern—No Relatives Known.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., March 26.—A stranger in a strange land, Andrew E. Watts, a traveling showman who came to Newbern a week ago with a carnival company which is filling a two weeks' engagement here, died at a local hospital, the cause of his death being acute pneumonia.

Watts, about whom nothing is known by his associates, joined the carnival company at Wilmington and from that city came to Newbern where he was taken ill and placed in a hospital for treatment. The man's condition steadily grew worse until death occurred and his body was turned over to an undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

After the man's death the show people began an attempt to locate relatives of the man and a number of telegrams have been sent to different parts of the country where he was supposed to have relatives, but so far no reply has been received to these.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

No Money for Rebuilding Light and Power Plant.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., March 26.—This correspondent was in error yesterday when the information was sent out that the local banks would loan the board of town commissioners $30,000 for the purpose of partially rebuilding the light and power plant. The information was secured from what was presumed to be reliable sources but it seems now to have been purely a surmise. The situation in reference to the plant is critical and the members of the board did hope to secure the money from local institutions on a temporary loan.

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(Advertisement.)

Free Aviation Exhibition.

Wrightsville Beach Today, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

WHEAT GAINED STRENGTH

Development Resulted Chiefly From Less Favorable Weather and Crop Reports From Kansas.

Chicago, March 26.—Wheat strength developed chiefly on less favorable weather, and crop reports from Kansas. The close was steady, ranging from same as last night to ¼ higher. Other trading staples showed a net decline. Corn, ⅛@⅜ to ¾; oats, ⅛ to ⅛@⅛, and provisions, 15 to 35.

Futures closed:

Wheat—May, 93¼; July, 89½.

Corn—May, 68⅝; July 68¾.

Oats—May, 39½; July, 39⅝.

Pork—May, 21.05; July, 21.17.

Lard—May, 10.60; July, 10.75.

Ribs—May, 11.22; July, 11.35.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@95½; No. 2, hard, 93; No. 2, Northern, 95½; No. 2 Spring, 95@96.

Corn—Not quoted.

Oats—Standard, 40¼.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Locksley (Nor.), 1,573 tons, Heide & Co.

Str. Gleneck (Br.), 2,093 tons, Hurst, Heide & Co.

Str. Katendrecht (Dutch), 1,364 tons, Teensma, Heide & Co.

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Schr. Isabel R. Wiley, 611 tons, Hudson, Mafitt & Wood.

Schr. Calhoun E. Ross, 375 tons, Coleburn; Mafitt & Wood.

Schr. George W. Elsey, Jr., 577 tons, Elsey, Jersey City, Mafitt & Wood.

Schr. Florence M. Belding, 493 tons, Donovan Jersey City, Mafitt & Wood.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., March 26.

Atlantic Coast Line—569 bales cotton; 121 barrels tar.

Addie May—27 barrels rosin; 24 barrels tar.

Total—569 bales cotton; 27 barrels rosin; 145 barrels tar.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Mar. 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Steady, 45¾.

ROSIN—Steady, at $3.65.

TAR—Firm, at $2.00 per barrel; in casks, 9c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.25 per barrel for hard; $3.50 per barrel for dip; $3.50 per barrel for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 39¾; rosin, $6.05; tar, nominal; crude turpentine, firm, at $3.00, $4.00, $4.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine ..... (—)

Rosin 27

Tar 145

Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 6 barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, steady. 13c. for middling. Same day last year, nominal.

Receipts, 569. Same day last year 146 bales.

Total receipts, since Sept. 1, 385,403 bales. Total receipts same day last year, 295,663 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Mar. 21, 1914.)

CORN—$1.00 to $1.05 per sack.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, $1.60 per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 90; good demand.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.

BEEF—Native dressed, 8c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 9@11c.; large, dull, 9c.

WOOL—Burry, 11 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—New hams, 18c; new sides and shoulders, 12 1-2c per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm, 4½@5c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 50c.; Spring chickens, 20@35c. per head; very dull.

EGGS—24c. per doz.; dull.

TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 20.—North Carolina peanuts: Market weaker; receipts, heavy; 60 to 65 cents per bushel.

Spanish peanuts, firm, at $1.30 to $1.35.

Virginia peanuts, firm, at 80 to 86 cents.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., March 25.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.00 per bushel.

Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 4¼ to 4⅝c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¾ to 4¼c. per lb. Extra Prime 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Prime, 3½c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 3 to 3½c. per lb.

DR. HARDY REFUSED TO SURRENDER THE BOOKS.

Until Audited by Competent Accountant—Dr. McNairy in Charge.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., March 26.—An unusual situation existed yesterday when Dr. C. B. McNairy, the new superintendent, and the executive committee of the board of trustees of the North Carolina School of the Feeble Minded met in the office of the school two miles from here. The books of the institution were still in the charge of Dr. Ira M. Hardy, several weeks ago deposed as superintendent, and were occupying a safe deposit box to which Dr. Hardy held the key in a Kinston bank.

Some time ago Dr. Hardy notified State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner, chairman ex-officio of the board of trustees, that he would not deliver the books to the new administration of the school until they had been competently audited, giving as his reason the fact that in some sources antagonistic to him there had been intimations of a nature prejudicial to his integrity. An accountant from Raleigh was given the books just before noon, after the executive committee had arrived, but was first required by the retired superintendent to secure the board's consent to accept his report as final.

MOTOR TRUCK FAILS.

Rocky Mount Big Machine Out of Commission.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 26.—The prided possession of the central fire department, the new 90-horsepower $6,000 automobile fire truck, is out of commission and it happened yesterday afternoon. When Driver Smiley attempted to turn around at a narrow point the machine became imbedded in the soft road soil on the edge of a road in Nash county, and in attempting to pull out by the power of the motor the rear gears of the new machine were stripped. The machine is out of service and in a local garage awaiting the arrival of a machinist from the factory with the necessary parts.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

SLOW DECLINE IN STOCKS

Speculative Operations for the Decline Were Not Aggressive and Prices Slipped Down.

New York March 26.—Slow decline in stocks continued today. Speculative operations for the decline were not aggressive, and quotations slipped down principally on absence of demand. In the late session there was some improvement and final changes were unimportant. Speculative opinion again favored shorts and the day's developments fitted in with the trend of sentiment.

Attention was again drawn to the railroads by further poor statistical returns. Southern Pacific's February gross earnings fell off $802,000, and net $464,000. Lehigh Valley's gross last month decreased $758,000 and net $382,000. Pennsylvania was reported to have decided upon extensive economies.

Diminished earnings and the unsatisfactory outlook were given as the reasons for omission of dividends on railroad steel spring. The stock broke 2¼ points. Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis, which slumped violently yesterday on the cut in its dividend, rallied more than 3 points today. Corn products preferred regained four points of its recent loss.

Shifting from railroad and miscellaneous bonds into tax-exempt State and municipal issues, owing to the approach of the time for making April 1st tax returns, caused some uneveness in today's bond trading. Total sales, $2,262,000. United States bonds, unchanged on call. Total sales were 265,800, including: American Tobacco, 100; A. C. L., 300; Lehigh Valley, 3,800; N. and W., 200; Reading, 15,500; S. A. L., 800; S. A. L., pfd., 900; Southern Railway, 1,300; do. pfd., 700; Tennessee Copper, 300; U. S. Steel, 11,400; United States Steel, pfd, 800; V.-C. C., 600.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	75¾
American Agricultural	53½
American Beet Sugar	22¾
American Can	33¼
American Can, pfd	90
American Car and Foundry	50½
American Cotton Oil	42¾
American Ice Securities	30
American Linseed	19¼
American Locomotive	34
Amer. Smelting and Ref	69¼
Amer Smelting and Ref., pfd	102
American Sugar Ref	101
American Tel. and Tel	122¼
American Tobacco	252
Anaconda Mining Co	36
Atchison	97¼
Atchison, pfd	100¾
Atlantic Coast Line	122
Baltimore and Ohio	90¾
Bethlehem Steel	41½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	92¾
Canadian Pacific	206½
Central Leather	35½
Chesapeake and Ohio	53¾
Chicago Great Western	12
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	99¾
Chicago and North Western	134
Colorado Fuel and Iron	33
Consolidated Gas	132½
Corn Products	9¾
Delaware and Hudson	149
Denver and Rio Grande	12
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	22
Distillers' Securities	18¾
Erie	29¾
Erie, 1st pfd	45½
Erie, 2nd pfd	36¾
General Electric	146¼
Great Northern, pfd	126¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	36
Illinois Central	111¼
Interborough-Met	14¾
Interborough-Met., pfd	50¼
Inter Harvester	106¼
Inter-Marine, pfd	10¾
International Paper	8¾
International Pump	6½
Kansas City Southern	25¾
Laclede Gas	90
Lehigh Valley	148
Louisville and Nashville	137
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	127
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	17
Missouri Pacific	24¾
National Biscuit	132
National Lead	48
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	12
New York Central	90¾
New York, Ont. and Western	26¾
Norfolk and Western	103¼
North American	57
Northern Pacific	114¾
Pacific Mail	24¼
Pennsylvania	110¾
People's Gas	123¾
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	77
Pittsburg Coal	20¼
Pressed Steel Car	43½
Pullman Palace Car	152½
Reading	165¾
Republic Iron and Steel	25
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	88
Rock Island Co	4¾
Rock Island Co., pfd	6¾
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	6¼
Seaboard Air Line	20¼
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	55
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	31
Southern Pacific	94¾
Southern Railway	25⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	88
Tennessee Copper	35
Texas and Pacific	15
Union Pacific	159
Union Pacific, pfd	83½
United States Realty	62
United States Rubber	61¼
United States Steel	63¾
United States Steel, pfd	110
Utah Copper	55¾
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	31⅝
Wabash	2½
Wabash, pfd	5¾
Western Maryland	30
Western Union	62¼
Westinghouse Electric	76
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4
New Haven	68½
Chino Copper	42¼
Ray Cons. Copper	21¼
L. and M	128½
L. and M. pfd	116½
Lorillard	169
Lorillard, pfd	113½

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, March 26.—Flour, steady. Wheat — Steady. No. 2, hard, Winter, 1.01; No. 2, red, 1.01¼; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 1.03; No. 1, Northern Manitoba, 1.03¾.

Corn—Easy. No. 3 yellow, 75½.

Hides—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

Leather—Firm.

Rosin—Quiet.

Turpentine—Easy.

Rice—Steady.

Molasses—Steady.

Cheese—Steady.

Butter—Unsettled.

Coffee—Spot, steady. Rio, No. 7, 8¾; Santos, No. 4, 11¾; mild, quiet; Cordova, 12¾@16½.

Sugar—Raw, steady. Molasses sugar, 2.30; centrifugal, 2.95; refined, steady.

Potatoes—Firm.

Cabbages—Steady and unchanged.

Peanuts—Steady and unchanged.

Freights—Steady and unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—There was a sharp setback today on selling by the West and liquidation by timid longs, induced by lard's weakness. Crude markets, however, held firm, and were offering very little. Shorts were best buyers on the break. Tenders were about 2,400 barrels. Total sales, 23,500 barrels. Final prices, 5 to 9 points net lower. The market closed steady. Spot, 7.40@7.80; May, 7.52@7.60; April, 7.48@7.49; May, 7.46@7.47; June, 7.52@7.54; July, 7.60@7.61; August, 7.68@7.70; September, 7.71@7.72; October, 7.60@7.35.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 26.—There was more active trading in print cloth yarn goods for spot and nearby shipment. A steadier tone was reported in heavy coarse yarn cottons. Raw silk markets abroad were more active today. Local markets ruled steady, but quiet. Crepes and cascade weaves in dress goods were sold well.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, March 26.—Call money, steady, 1¾@1¾; ruling rate, 1¾; closing, 1¾@1¾. Time loans, weaker. Sixty days, 2½@3; ninety days, 3; six months, 3@3¼. Mercantile paper, 3¾@4¼; Sterling exchange, steady; sixty days, 4.8450; demand 4.8825. Commercial bills, 4.83¾. Bar silver, 58. Mexican dollars, 45½. Government bonds, steady.

Cars to the Beach Today Every half hour, 2 to 5 P. M.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

March 27, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 58 degrees; at 8 P. M., 63 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date 2.60.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Wednesday, 13.1 feet.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Showers Friday; Saturday fair in west, showers in east portion.

The Port Calendar, Mar. 27, 1914.

Sun rises	6:36 A. M.
Sun sets	6:29 P. M.
Day's length	12 hrs. 23 min.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	10:25	10:45	5:40	5:56
Southport	8:27	8:37	2:30	2:40
Masonboro Inlet	8:16	8:26	2:19	2:29

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

March 26, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest Last Night	Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	84	60	.10
Asheville	cloudy	58	52	.01
Atlanta	cloudy	68	54	.0
Augusta	clear	74	56	.0
Birmingham	cloudy	70	58	.04
Boston	clear	60	40	.02
Charleston	pt cldy	68	58	.0
Charlotte	clear	64	52	.02
Chicago	raining	64	48	.36
Galveston	raining	66	60	2.04
Jacksonville	clear	74	62	.0
Memphis	raining	68	60	.0
Mobile	cloudy	66	58	.01
Montgomery	cloudy	70	56	.0
New Orleans	cloudy	78	60	.48
New York	clear	42	40	.04
Oklahoma	raining	76	60	.01
Palestine	cloudy	68	66	.48
Pittsburg	raining	70	52	.01
Raleigh	cloudy	72	52	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	74	58	.0
Shreveport	cloudy	66	62	.08
St. Louis	raining	72	58	.0
Washington	clear	70	52	.0

DEATH AT WILLARD.

Death of Aged Lady, Among Early Settlers in Duplin.

Willard, N. C., March 24.—Mrs. Allie English died at 8:30 o'clock on Monday at her home in the English neighborhood near here. She was buried on Tuesday in the family burial ground near the place where the first English settlement was made by the grandfather who came to this country from England. She leaves 90 children, grandchildren and great-grand children. Eighteen of her family have preceded her to the other world. At the time of her death she was in the 82nd year of her age. A large number of people attended the funeral which was conducted by Rev. Lewis Matthewson.

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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE Southwood Lumber Company, at Topsail, Pender County, North Carolina.

Whereas, On the 14th day of February, 1914, the undersigned were duly appointed by His Honor O. H. Allen, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of the Eighth Judicial District of North Carolina, permanent receiver of the Southwood Lumber Company, at Topsail, Pender County.

Now, therefore, in accordance with said order appointing the undersigned permanent receivers, and of the Section 1229 of the Revisal of 1905, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Southwood Lumber Company, of Topsail, and said creditors, to file their claims with N. J. Crocker, at Wilmington, North Carolina, or J. J. Best, at Warsaw, N. C., the receivers named in said order, and due proof thereof as required by law made against the Southwood Lumber Company within three months from the 16th day of March, 1914, and all creditors and claimants failing to present their said claims within this period shall be barred from participating in the distribution of the assets of said corporation.

This the 16th day of March, 1914.

N. J. CROCKER,
J. J. BEST,
Permanent Receivers of the Southwood Lumber Company, at Topsail, Pender County, North Carolina. mh18-12t

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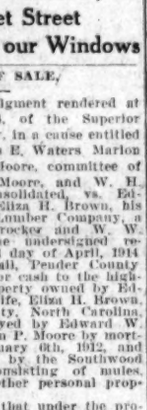

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NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of the judgment rendered at the March term, 1914, of the Superior Court of Pender County, in a cause entitled John P. Moore, Francis E. Waters Marion Hargis and Belle P. Moore, committee of the estate of J. P. Moore, and W. H. Sharpe, plaintiffs, consolidated, vs. Edward W. Brown and Eliza H. Brown, his wife, the Southwood Lumber Company, a Corporation; N. J. Crocker and W. W. Perry, defendants, the undersigned receivers will, on the 3rd day of April, 1914 at Postoffice at Topsail, Pender County at 12 o'clock M. sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the property owned by Edward W. Brown and wife, Eliza H. Brown, lying in Pender County, North Carolina, other than that conveyed by Edward W. Brown and wife to John P. Moore by mortgage deed dated January 6th, 1912, and all property owned by the Southwood Lumber Company, consisting of mules, wagons, lumber and other personal property.

Notice is also given that under the provisions of said judgment the undersigned receivers are authorized to sell said property at private sale, provided bids should be made which would justify such sale.

This, the 16th day of March, 1914.

N. J. CROCKER,
J. J. BEST.
Permanent Receivers of the Southwood Lumber Company, Pender County, North Carolina. mh18-12t

NOTICE OF SALE.

The undersigned, pursuant to an order of the Superior Court, New Hanover County, and for the purpose of closing his trust as Executor of the estate of B. O. Stone, deceased, hereby offers to sell at private sale the following shares of stock, to-wit:

135	Shares Southern National Bank.
8	Shares Atlantic Trust and Banking Company.
9	Shares American National Bank.
5	Shares Murchison National Bank.
40	Shares Wilmington Towing Comp'y.
54	Shares M. B. Thompson Company.
135½	Shares Oceanic Hotel Company.
30	Shares Wrightsville Realty Company.
3	Shares Wilmington Stamp & Printing Company.
226	Shares The Stone Company.
5	Shares Audubon Nurseries.

Bids will be received for any of the above mentioned stocks at the office of the Stone Company, Nos. 6 and 8 South Water street, Wilmington.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

R. R. STONE, Executor,
Of the Estate of B. O. Stone, Deceased.
Dated this March 21st, 1914.
mh22-10t

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FIGHT OVER RULE TO LIMIT TOLLS DEBATE

(Continued from Page One.)

tion of the powers of the speaker which I could have retained by making a fight, but I honestly believed that the speaker had too much power under the old system.

"Among other things I declared that I was in favor of throwing bills open to ample discussion and amendment, and I am going to keep the faith, come what may. If I were to vote for the pending rule, I could not look the House in the face. When I made that statement I was speaking particularly of tariff bills, but my statement is equally applicable to all great bills. Here is the situation:

"'We have rule reported on a bill on the greatest question presented in my 20 years in the House, beside which tariff bills sink into pitiable insignificance, a bill which, if passed, will change our foreign policy which we have maintained for 125 years and only 20 hours for debate are permitted under this proposed rule and the right to amend is prohibited and no intervening motion permitted except one motion to recommit.

"'On such an important and far-reaching measure there should have been at least a week for debate with the unlimited right of amendment. Surely there is nothing sacred about the Sims bill and there is no reason for this mad rush. I will not be a party to ramming such a rule down the throats of members.'"

Representative Henry opened the argument for the rule. He did not represent Democratic sentiment and pointed out that when the Panama Canal act was passed only 72 Democrats in the House voted for free tolls, while 94 voted against the provision.

"I propose," he said, "to aid in the correction of a blunder that has been committed by the American Congress. This free toll provision violates a treaty and contract we have with England and other nations. The President of the United States has come to the House and has summoned us to his aid in this great crisis and I propose to follow him."

Railroads Would Benefit.

Mr. Henry asserted that the American people secured no benefit from free tolls and asserted that the vessels that would profit from the exemption are owned by the "steel trust," the "Standard Oil trust," the Southern Railway, the New Haven Railway and the Seaboard Air Line.

"These are the people," he said, "who are to make a million dollars a year because of this exemption."

He quoted from the report of the shipping trust investigating committee to show that railroads controlled most of the American ships which would use the canal.

Representative Henry paid a tribute to the President as having the "Jacksonian courage to call on Congress to aid in correcting this colossal blunder."

Representative Campbell, of Kentucky, Republican, opened the argument for the opponents of the rule.

"The contention of the gentleman from Texas," he said, "as to railroad-owned ships is futile. The very terms of the Panama Canal act which it is not proposed to repeal, specifically forbid the use of the canal to railroad-owned ships. The President told us a few days ago that right or wrong we must repeal this provision and in a mysterious fashion refers to the 'foreign policy' of the administration. He told us that if we do not grant him this request he will not know what to do in other very important matters. What is the foreign policy of the administration? Does the President know? Nobody else does."

Does the Eagle Tremble?

Representative Campbell concluded with the question: "The old American eagle lined its nest with the mane of the British lion, does the young American eagle tremble with fear when the British lion only growls?"

Representative Pou, of North Carolina, argued that the question involved was purely whether the United States proposed to keep its contract made with Great Britain and other nations as to the Panama Canal. He pointed out that the President could have no object in acceding to Great Britain's request other than the desire to best serve the interest of the people of America.

Progressive opposition to the rule and to the repeal bill was voiced by Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania, Progressive member of the rules committee. He declared that the three political parties had pledged themselves to the free-tolls provision in their 1912 platform, and said the people had expressed their approval of the provision in the election.

Favors Repeal; Opposes Rule.

While declaring himself in favor of repealing the free tolls provision, Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, vigorously opposed the rule because it cut off amendments. He declared that he and a large group of members of the House favored repealing the provision on economic grounds and that they would vote for the repeal if objected, however, to being placed in the position of endorsing a construction of the treaties with Great Britain which based the repeal on the ground that the American government has not the right to exempt its vessels from the payment of tolls.

Mr. Lenroot urged that the rule be amended and an opportunity given to present an amendment which would confer on the President in his discretion the right to impose lesser tolls on American ships.

Representative Lenroot read a speech by Speaker Clark, made when the Payne tariff law was in the House in which the speaker declared the right to amendment and debate should not be curtailed.

Progressive Leader Murdock opposed the rule, saying:

"I am not willing to surrender by my vote any spirit of easy accommodation to Great Britain this nation's sovereignty over the canal. I do not know fully the complications which bring this crisis. We are asked not to suspend the toll exemption clause until our rights may be arbitrated, but to confess National dishonor. I do not know the relations which make Great Britain and Japan friends, or Japan and Huerta allies or how near the truth the rumor is that we need the aid of Great Britain as Japan's friend to lighten our responsibility in Mexico. But the known facts, the visible facts, the arguable facts are plain and elementary so far as our rights in the canal are concerned.

"Shall we surrender our severeignty in the canal? Before the surrender the act seems of little moment to many. But after the surrender each year will emphasize the error that may be committed here. Before the surrender considerations of political and diplomatic exigency may becloud the issue. After the surrender we come to clarity and National chagrin and National humiliation."

Defends Wilson's Position.

The President's position was vigorously defended by Representative Sherley, of Kentucky.

"We come here with this repeal bill," he said, "with no apology for our position. For 75 years we have held out to the nations of the world the promise to build the canal for all the world. We promised to build it as a great boon to humanity throughout the world, not for small dollars and cents advantage to our own commerce. In this situation the American nation does nothing out of fear; nothing because of the threat of any nation or group of nations. But it is not willing to rest in the eyes of the world as having violated a treaty, or having violated its promise so long held out to the nations of the world."

Minority Leader Mann said the importance of the measure merited a more complete deliberation and more thorough consideration than could be given under the proposed rule. He cited a dozen instances in which he said this government had construed the contested treaty provision and said no "gag rule" should prevent free discussion of a proposal to reverse these constructions. "I see no reason," he said, "why we should surrender our rights in this matter on a fancied plea of honor. Honor is involved on both sides. If there is a real question of honor here, it is that of Great Britain seeking to drive a hard bargain with this administration. Our honor in this matter is above suspicion. Great Britain's is open to attack.

"The question of honor involved," replied Representative Flood, chairman of the Foreign Affairs committee, "is not that of Great Britain. But is a question of our living up to a contract we have made and consented to."

MAY EXTEND RAILROAD.

The Carolina May Build to Stantonsburg, on Norfolk Southern.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., March 25.—Snow Hill business men who came here to consult with William Hayes, general superintendent of the Carolina Railroad, were informed that the railroad would consider favorably the extension of the Kinston-Snow Hill line, a distance of 16 miles, which would about double the trackage, to Stantonsburg, where connection would be made with the Norfolk Southern's Norfolk to Charlotte line. The Carolina line is the property of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the Norfolk Southern, and is operating at a loss.

The Snow Hill delegation today stated that the extension would open up a country rich in trucking possibilities and now handicapped by inadequacy of means for handling perishable stuffs, would present a more direct route from Kinston to the north, and that the line can be made to pay if a convenient passenger service on the proposed route is instituted. A quartet of Greene county business and professional men will immediately begin work to arouse sentiment for the road in the country between Snow Hill and Walstonburg, and the business interests of Kinston and Snow Hill will encourage the move unstintedly.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC REPORT

Shows Decrease In Gross Earnings for Past Eight Months.

San Francisco, Cal., March 26.—For the eight months ending February 28, 1914, the Southern Pacific Company showed a decrease in gross revenue of $3,201,127 and a decrease in the revenue in excess of operating expenses and taxes of $4,506,748.

During the same period there was an increase in operating expenses of $493,663, an increase in taxes of $811,957 and an increase in total expenses and taxes of $1,305,620.

For February, 1914, as against the corresponding month in 1913, the decrease in gross revenue was $602,819 and the decrease in revenue above operating expenses and taxes was $464,810, while the increase in taxes was $77,879 and the increase in all expenses including taxes was $138,009.

These figures were given out today from the company's general office.

MAJ. STEDMAN FILES NOTICE.

Appears That He Will be Unopposed for Nomination.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—Maj. Charles M. Stedman, representative in Congress from this district and candidate to succeed himself, was the first to file notice of candidacy with the clerk of court, as required by the primary law. It now appears that Major Stedman will be unopposed in the district, and will be unanimously re-nominated.

So far there have been no candidates of the Republicans and Progressives mentioned. It is not known whether each party will have a separate county ticket, or combine as they did two years ago on a county ticket.

DR. THOS. J. ELLIS DEAD.

Was Resident Physician in a Greensboro Hospital.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 26.—Dr. Thomas J. Ellis, who has been resident physician at Telfair Sanitarium for four years, died suddenly this morning at 5 o'clock at the sanitarium. He had been sick only an hour when the grim messenger came. The body was carried today to Amherst, Va., the old home of the deceased, where the funeral and interment will take place some time tomorrow. He is survived by one brother, one sister and his wife. While not very well known in the city, yet since coming here he had won a number of strong friends who sympathize with the family.

ONLY TWO STOPS TO BE MADE

During the Annual Summer Cruise of Midshipmen of United States.

Annapolis, Md., March 26.—Only two stops are to be made in foreign ports during the annual Summer practic cruise of the midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy, although the voyage will cover over 10,500 miles. This was the announcement made today. Leaving Annapolis June 7th, the squadron, composed of the battleships Missouri, Idaho and Illinois, will reach Naples June 25th and remain until July 3rd, the Middies being allowed to visit nearby points of interest.

At Gravesend, England, they will stay from July 13th to 17th. The ships are due to reach the Chesapeake Bay capes August 11th. The time until August 28th will be spent in target practice.

TRADE WITH BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

America Supplied Nearly Half of Her Bleached Cotton Goods.

Washington, March 26.—British East Africa bought $674,891 worth of unbleached cotton goods from the United States in 1913, the Department of Commerce announced today. All told in 1913 British East Africa bought $1,308,777 worth of unbleached cotton and the share which came from the United States was considered gratifying to Department officials in view of many trade obstacles.

Colon, March 26.—Col. George W. Goethals and his wife, arrived here today from the United States. A farewell banquet is to be given tonight in honor of Lieut. Col. William L. Sibert.

AMERICAN SCHOONER REPORTED LOST AT SEA.

Captain and Five Others Go Down With Vessel—Four Rescued.

Washington, March 26.—Loss at sea of the American schooner Hattie P. Simpson, of Boston, with her captain and five other members of the crew, was reported to the Navy Department tonight in a relayed wireless message from the steamship Caracas, which has on board four survivors of the schooner.

The dispatch said the Simpson sank Saturday morning, March 21st, but gave no details. It came from the Caracas, presumably the American steamer of that name bound from San Juan, Porto Rico, and was picked up by the battleship Kansas, at target practice off the Virginia Capes. Capt. Fletcher, of the Kansas, relayed the message to Rear Admiral Badger, on the Michigan, in Hampton Roads, who in turn sent it to the department.

The message read: "Just received from Kansas now well off shore from Cape Henry for direct wiring: Received from Caracas—F. Hesham, second mate; John Turner, seaman; John Miara, engineer; Charles Brown, seaman, of schooner Hattie P. Simpson, of Boston, Philadelphia for Galveston, 13th March, abandoned and sunk morning 21st. All remainder of crew, captain, first mate, steward and three seamen lost."

Naval officers were at a loss to explain the loss of the schooner as they had heard of no heavy weather along the coast during the latter part of last week.

PLENTY OF MONEY FOR CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Finance Committee Makes Announcement to That Effect.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 26.—The finance committee of the Confederate reunion organization announces today that ample to carry out the reunion plans and festivities on an elaborate scale have been obtained. Twenty-three thousand dollars have been paid in, with $7,000 more pledged and fully $15,000 in sight. It looks as if more than $50,000 will be raised if that amount is needed, declared Chairman Chase, of the campaign soliciting committee. Today is "button day" and the women are selling them in streets at $1 each and meeting with great success. Adjutant General Forest declares the reunion will be one of the most successful ever held.

TWO FOUND DEAD IN NEW ORLEANS PARK.

Man and Woman, Identified—Case of Murder and Suicide.

New Orleans, March 26.—The bodies of a woman and a man, identified as Mamie Dodd and R. D. Sanchez, today were found in a secluded portion of the city park here. The man had been shot in the mouth and the woman in the left temple. A pistol was found nearby and the police believed it a case of murder and suicide. They, however, are investigating a report that early today an automobile, the occupants of which acted suspiciously, was seen near where the bodies were found.

Berlin, March 26.—The Imperial Parliament today unanimously passed a bill providing that where a duel or challenge has been provoked by dishonorable conduct the offender shall be liable to imprisonment in a penitentiary instead of a fortress. This is the first occasion on which all the parties have been united on a measure to discourage duelling.

Washington, March 26.—Representative Oscar Underwood, candidate for the Alabama Democratic Senatorial nomination, today filed his campaign contribution and expense statement, showing expenditures of $3,477.38, with contributions from private sources amounting to $2,136.65.

Washington, March 26.—The rivers and harbors bill proposing appropriations of about $43,400,000 was passed by the House today without substantial amendment and now goes to the Senate.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bijou—Motion Pictures.
A. D. Brown—Parasol Opening.
Gaylord-Platt Co.—New Arrivals.
Grand Theatre—Motion Pictures.
J. M. Solky & Co.—Feature Day.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Position.
Found—Eye Glasses.
Found—Bunch of Keys.
Wanted—Cross Tie Cutters.
Wanted—Cross Tie Cutters.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
A. G. Warren Co.—Ice Cream.
C. F. Cash Grocery—Fresh Eggs.

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WANTED — To correspond with couple wanting room and board in private family. References. Box 634. mh27-2t*

LOST—Bunch of keys on Front street, between postoffice and Market street. Reward if returned to Star office. mh27-1t*

ICE CREAM — All colors, shapes and forms, for all occasions. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co., 'Phone 485. mh27-1t

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FRESH EGGS—Laid this morning, 25c. special. Cape Fear Cash Grocery Co.; 'Phone 672; 109 So. Front street. mh27-1t

FOR RENT—To gentleman, nicely furnished front room, with Southern exposure and all conveniences. 'Phone 1432-J. mh27-2t*

LOST—Pair of eye glasses; "Bowen & King" name on case. Return to Miller's, 29 Market street. mh27-1t

WANTED—Several cross-tie cutters, to cut by contract. Apply to Hans A. Kure, Kure Land and Development Co., Orton Bldg., City. mh27-1t

WANTED—Five hustling boys. Apply Hopkins Furniture Co., 8 o'clock. mh27-1t

DESIRABLE ROOMS for rent, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board. 225 Market street. 'Phone 819-W. mh27-3t*

WANTED—Position by first class wagon and carriage blacksmith. Can give best of references. Address "K-2," care Star. mh27-1t*

FOUND—At passenger station shed, pair gold eye glasses and guard chain. Owner can have same by calling at 413 North Front street. mh27-1t

EGGS, 23c.; Eggs, 23c.; Eggs, 23c.; 10 dozen for $2.50. These eggs are just from the country yesterday, but we are overloaded and they must go. Also a fine lot of chickens, North Carolina hams and sweet potatoes. 'Phone 1938. L. T. New. mh27-1t

WANTED—By energetic young man who desires to make Wilmington his home, position in wholesale house. Can furnish reference. Address "115," care Star. mh27-1t*

FOR RENT—Four room housekeeping apartment with bath, centrally located, with all modern conveniences. Terms, reasonable. Address Box 53. mh27-1t*

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BIKE OWNERS—The Wilmington Cycle Co. is open for business at 215 Market street. Call on us for anything in the bicycle line. Special attention to repairing. G. D. Phares, Jr., J. R. Sneeden. mh26-6t

WHOLESALE Dealer in Oils and Greases wants representative to travel Eastern North Carolina. Salary and expenses. State age and experience. Address "Baito," care Star. mh26-3t

SPECIAL BARGAINS are offered this week. Shredded wheat, 10c.; puffed rice, 2 for 25c.; Russet Brand tomatoes, 9c.; 3 for 25c. Calarab Figs, 25c box, 15c.; 15c Sardines, in pure olive oil, 10c. three for 25c., while they last. Kippered herring, 15c can, 9c.; Van Camp's tomato soup, 3 for 25c.; nice lean bacon, sliced, 25c pound. We also carry Gold Medal flour and a full line of groceries, at May's Delicatessen Store, 130 Market street; 'phone 1,322. mh26-6t

MR. PROSPECTIVE builder—You can secure complete and individual worked out plans at a very reasonable cash price; one set of blue prints $10.00 for houses up to $1,000; $15 for houses up to $1,500.00; $25 for residences up to $2,500.00, etc. Extra blue prints furnished at a small cost; also specifications and bill of materials if so desired. Write today, advising when convenient to see you. P. O. Box 1103. mh19-1mo*

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U. S. Bonds	284,830.97
Bank Bldg., Fixtures, Vaults, Etc	45,055.15
Real Estate	11,900.00
Cash in our valuts, Due from Banks and U. S. Treasurer	449,513.66
	$2,573,246.29

LIABILITIES:

Capital	$ 250,000.00
Surplus and Profits	57,858.60
Dividends Unpaid	192.00
Circulation	250,000.00
Bills Payable	250,000.00
Deposits	1,765,195.69
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